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'COMED FOUR' TRIAL

Defense calls bribery case 'collateral damage'

During closing, says clients caught up in feds' quest to bring down Madigan

By Jason Meisner and Ray Long
Chicago Tribune

The alleged scheme by four ComEd executives and lobbyists to bribe then-House Speaker Michael Madigan didn't play out like it often does in the movies, with envelopes stuffed with cash passed under a table, prosecutors told the federal jury in the "ComEd Four" trial Monday.

It was far more elaborate, a web of illicit payments funneling more than a million dollars to do-nothing lobbyist "subcontractors," a deal guaranteeing billable hours for a politically connected law firm, a lucrative board seat for Madigan's candidate, and summer internships from people sent from the speaker's 13th Ward.

"There isn't an envelope in this world big enough to fit all the money that they made ComEd pay out," Assistant U.S. Attorney Diane MacArthur said in her closing argument to the jury.

But defense attorneys scoffed at that notion, saying their clients were not only innocent, but that they were "collateral damage" in the government's yearslong quest to bring down Madigan, the Democratic leader at the apex of Illinois politics who was long considered to be untouchable.

Toward the end of his nearly two-hour presentation, Patrick Cotter, who represents one of the speaker's closest confidants, Michael McClain, told the jury that the entire case was "a conclusion in search of evidence."

"They already had their target. They already knew who was guilty — it was Mike Madigan," Cotter said, adding that once prosecutors assumed the speaker was guilty, "then everyone near him begins to look guilty."

His voice quaking with emotion, Cotter urged the jury to "be the shield that you were meant to be."

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Historic house torn down

Workers demolish a historic home at 2240 N. Burling St. in Lincoln Park on Monday. Real estate executive Thaddeus Wong bought the home late last year for $2 million. Activists from Preservation Chicago, along with local community organizations, launched an effort to save the nearly 150-year-old home. "It's really tragic, and we hoped the owner would have second thoughts," says Ward Miller, president of Preservation Chicago. **Business**

Johnson juggling transition to office

Maneuvering rules, with expectations of his supporters

By John Byrne
Chicago Tribune

Mayor-elect Brandon Johnson is trying to navigate city rules and the expectations supporters have for his administration while he puts together his leadership team.

As Johnson prepares to take office in less than a month, one of the heads of his transition team has sought a waiver from the city's Board of Ethics to avoid violating a policy designed to stop former employees from coming back to lobby or influence subjects they worked on for the city.

Johnson earlier this month named Maria Martinez as a legal adviser on the team that's helping him get organized and set his priorities as he prepares to succeed Mayor Lori Lightfoot. The inauguration is May 15.

But Martinez, now a lawyer for Croke, Fairchild, Duarte & Beres, was on the city payroll until January representing the Lightfoot administration's interests in Springfield, and the city's so-called revolving door policy precludes former employees from coming back within a year to do certain kinds of work.

So the Johnson team sought to preempt any problems, according to Johnson spokesman Ronnie Reese.

"Out of an abundance of caution, our transition team proactively reached out to the Board of Ethics," Reese said in a statement to the Tribune. "Through those conversations, the BOE and our team concluded that a waiver request was the prudent course of action to address any potential concerns."

Board of Ethics Executive Director Steve Berlin declined to comment on whether the board discussed the situation with the Johnson team or approved a waiver, but said if

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Cable hosts Carlson and Lemon ousted

Longtime anchors exit Fox, CNN after on-air controversies

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fox News on Monday ousted prime-time host Tucker Carlson, whose stew of grievances and political theories about Russia and the Jan. 6 insurrection had grown to define the network in recent years and influence GOP politics.

The move was part of a one-day bloodletting in cable television news as CNN axed its own embattled anchor, Don Lemon.

Fox said that the network and Carlson had "agreed to part ways" but it offered no explanation for the stunning move, saying that the last broadcast of "Tucker Carlson Tonight" aired last Friday.

The break comes amid a cascade of bad legal news for Fox and Carlson. A week ago, Fox agreed to pay more than $787 million to settle a lawsuit with Dominion Voting Systems over the network's airing of false claims following the 2020 presidential election — shortly before Carlson was expected to

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"Amphibians, in particular, are a real sort of canaries in the coal mine."

— Julian Siggers, Field Museum president and CEO

Ranchunliu "Chun" Kamei, collections manager reptiles and amphibians division, looks for a jar of amphibian specimens at the Field Museum in Chicago on March 28. EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Field Museum joins effort to combat climate change

Millions of objects in history museums around the world will be studied

By Kate Linderman
Chicago Tribune

Levels below Sue the T. rex and natural history exhibits of all kinds, jars of preserved frogs and salamanders line the shelves of the Field Museum's collections.

As climate change and the loss of biodiversity accelerate, studying historical specimens may provide answers to some of the planet's most pressing habitat problems.

"Amphibians, in particular, are a real sort of canaries in the coal mine," said Field Museum President and CEO Julian Siggers. Studying frogs, newts and salamanders, which cannot regulate their own body temperature, can show the impacts of climate change.

"There's some pretty profound questions that we can answer, and many of them and other ones that we're the most concerned about," Siggers said.

Collecting specimens today

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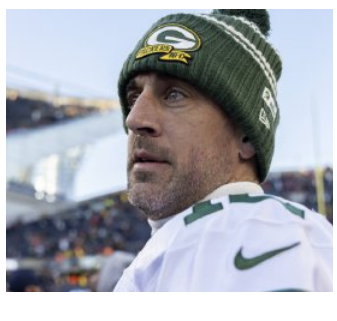
Rodgers is out of Green Bay — and the NFC North

The Halas Hall nightmare for the Bears is over as Aaron Rodgers, a four-time MVP and a shoo-in as a first-ballot Pro Football Hall of Fame selection, is finally headed to the Jets. **Chicago Sports**



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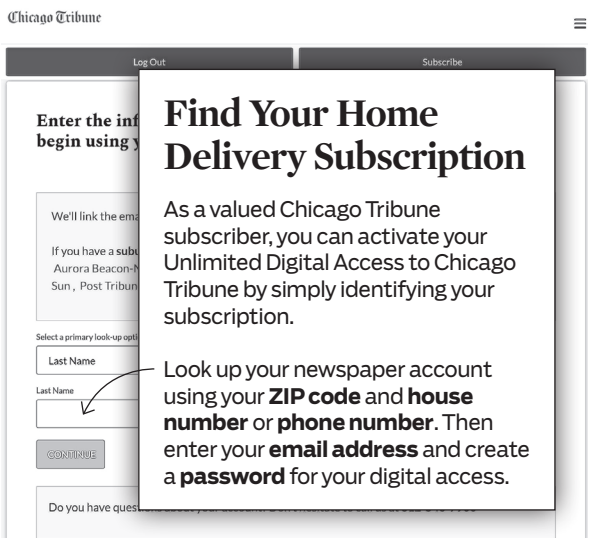
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Ranchunliu Kamei holds a Japanese giant salamander specimen at the Field Museum on March 28.
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and comparing them with those collected in the past can give insight into how species have been distributed across the planet and survived previous changes in climate, and it can show biodiversity changes.

A global study authored by natural history museum leaders surveyed 73 natural history museum collections across Europe and North America, including Chicago's Field Museum. The study, published last month in the journal Science, concluded these collections, totaling 1.1 billion objects, can be sources of information for climate change, pandemic preparedness, food security, invasive species, rare minerals and biodiversity.

"In the year 2100, scientists and policy-makers will look back to the collections made in the 21st century to inform their decisions about the 22nd century," the study says.

The paper was released three days after the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a report that found the planet is unlikely to be on track to meet its most ambitious climate target — limiting warming to 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit above preindustrial temperatures — by the early 2030s.

According to the latest IPCC report, human-caused climate change, some due to fossil fuel use, is affecting many weather and climate extremes in every region across the globe. This has damaged ecosystems for plants, wildlife and people.

Larry Coble is the board president of 350 Chicago, a local chapter of a national group that advocates for action to reduce the impacts of climate change. He said he hopes the federal government takes the IPCC report seriously. Coble, whose group is currently working on a campaign to encourage the state of Illinois to ban new investment in fossil fuel companies, worries about what kind of planet his son and other members of Generation Z will have.

"For him now, and the generations to follow, they all deserve a chance at a decent human life," he said. "They don't deserve what we leave them, which is a planet that is going to be terribly challenged."

The study by natural history museum leaders is a first step in a call for a global collection that would be able to offer some insight into how to navigate climate change.

Though generally unavailable to the public for research, historical materials in collections around the world are accessible to scientists. Previously, no one had made an effort to catalog all of this information.

"It was absolutely fascinating because it showed us not just what we have, but what we don't have," said Siggers, one of the study authors.

The participating museum collections lack specimens from polar and marine regions, arthropods (insects, spiders and crustaceans) and microorganisms, he said.

The IPCC report says that "some tropical, coastal, polar and mountain ecosystems have reached hard adaptation limits," meaning these ecosystems are vulnerable to environmental risks such as increasing temperatures and extreme weather. Filling collections gaps would improve climate research in these areas.

In recent years, museums have begun digitizing their collections, which has increased cooperation among museums worldwide.

"Science is all about collaboration; you can't do everything all by yourself," said Ranchunliu Kamei, the collections manager of the reptiles and amphibians division at the Field Museum. Digitization has improved efficiency, but museums are far from documenting the entire planet's biodiversity, she said.

Digitization has also made museum collections more accessible to the public. The Field Museum has a database where anyone can search the scientific name of a species. While the database currently includes entries on when a species was collected and whether the museum has a DNA sample, Kamei said they're working to include more data, including photographs of the live species and audio recordings.

"We're trying to have all of that metadata associated with the physical specimen and make it more visible, widely available to policymakers, media people, scientists or school kids," she said.

Ranchunliu Kamei holds a jar containing a ringed caecilian specimen at the Field Museum.

Wrestler accused of punching opponent at Oak Park-River Forest High cited for assault

Pioneer Press staff

A 14-year-old boy who allegedly punched his teen wrestling opponent in the face after their match at Oak Park-River Forest High School has been issued a local citation, according to a joint news release from the village of Oak Park and the police department.

On Thursday, the boy was issued a local ordinance citation for assault and was charged under the village of Oak Park code, according to the release. An adjudication hearing is scheduled for next month.

According to the release, on April 8, police were called to the field house at the school in Oak Park about an "aggravated incident" that was alleged to have happened during a wrestling tournament there. The Beat the Streets Chicago Freestyle and Greco Tournament, hosted by USA Wrestling, was held at the school.

When officers arrived at the school, the parents of another 14-year-old boy reported that her son had been struck in the face, without provocation, after a match with his opponent — the 14-year-old now cited.

"The victim, who had no prior relationship to the offender, sustained a bloody nose and declined additional medical response. Officers were also shown a video of the match and its conclusion, confirming the events as stated by the complainants," according to the news release.

Authorities said in the release that officers also talked to the boy who threw the punch and his parents.

The boy told police he "struck his opponent because he was angry that he had lost the match," the release states.

He and his family also said at that time that they would cooperate with any investigation into the incident.

Neither the teen who got punched nor the one who punched him live in Oak Park or attend OPRFHS, with both of them there for the wrestling tournament, officials said in the release.

Initially, the family of the boy who was hit had not indicated they would press charges. But that changed.

"After reflection, the family of the victim followed up with the Oak Park Police Department and indicated a desire to pursue criminal charges," the release states

A hearing on the local citation is expected to take place in May, authorities said.

Gary man arrested in connection with March murder

Staff report

Charges were unsealed Thursday for a Gary man who was arrested last week in connection with a March homicide.

Martell Flippins, 35, was charged with murder and unlawful possession of a firearm by serious violent felon, a Level 4 felony, in regards to a homicide that occurred in the 5000 block of Broadway. The address matches that of the Voodoo Lounge.

Flippins was arrested around 2 p.m. on April 14 in the 700 block of E. 90th Street in Chicago, according to a spokesman from the United States Marshals Service. U.S. Marshals Great Lakes Fugitive Task Force and the Lake County Prosecutor's Homicide Task Force were involved in the investigation, according to a release.

Prosecutors filed charges against Flippins on April 3, but the probable cause affidavit wasn't unsealed until April 20, once Indiana officials had initiated extradition procedures, according to court records.

Flippins was previously charged with aggravated burglary for robbing a 7-11 in Niles, Illinois, in 2015.

He previously served prison time in Indiana for fraud and aggravated battery, according to the Indiana Department of Corrections.

Chicago Tribune contributed.

CHICAGOLAND

Streetsblog Chicago co-founder Greenfield injured in bike crash

By Olivia Alexander
Chicago Tribune

Streetsblog editor and outspoken biking advocate John Greenfield was in a medically induced coma over the weekend following an accident in southern Illinois during one of his regular bike tours.

Around 12:30 p.m. Friday, Greenfield, 52, was biking at the intersection of West Deyoung and North Russell streets in Marion, Illinois, when a culvert became dislodged from a nearby pickup truck and struck him, Marion Police Department said. An ambulance took Greenfield to the Memorial Hospital of Carbondale following the accident, police said.

Police said the person driving the truck was cited for an unsecured load but police could not provide any more information about the driver.

The accident was first reported Sunday by Streetsblog Chicago editor-at-large and co-founder Steven Vance in a Streetsblog post.

Greenfield's brother, Dave Greenfield, told the Tribune on Monday that his brother hasn't fully regained consciousness since the accident, but "there are positive signs," as he's becoming more responsive with time. Greenfield's doctors say he's making good progress, his brother said.

The doctor treating Greenfield saw the coma as a precaution because of a possible head injury, Vance wrote in the blog post. Although the extent of cognitive effects are unknown, Vance said, "there are many signs for optimism."

On Monday morning, Greenfield's brother said that his condition was steadily improving, and doctors hope he will be off the ventilator in the next few days.

Multimodal bike tours are common adventures for Greenfield, according to Vance's post. He started his latest journey on Thursday. After riding Amtrak from Chicago to Carbondale, he began biking Friday morning, Vance wrote.

Dave Greenfield said his brother's destination was Garden of the Gods Recreation Area in Herod, which is about 50 miles from his starting point.

In 2013, Greenfield and Vance co-founded Streetsblog Chicago, a daily news source informing Chicagoans about efforts to make their communities more livable. Along with Streetsblog New York City, Los Angeles, San Francisco, California, Denver, Massachusetts and USA, the Chicago blog connects local transportation reform advocates with one another and to the national movement for reform.

Greenfield is particularly interested in working toward effective and safe bike infrastructure in the city. Before his time at Streetsblog, he worked for the Active Transportation Alliance as a Chicago Department of Transportation consultant and managed the installation of around 3,500 bike parking racks across Chicago.

Vance said regular publishing on Streetsblog Chicago will be paused until further notice.

Consultant sued by Vallas calls lawsuit 'shameful,' 'unfounded'

By A.D. Quig
Chicago Tribune

A political consultant who worked for Paul Vallas' losing mayoral campaign said Monday he will "vigorously defend" himself against claims made last week when Vallas and his campaign organization sued the consultant for $700,000 for services he "did not perform."

Vallas and his campaign organization sued Chimaobi Enyia in Cook County Circuit Court last Thursday, claiming Enyia ripped off Vallas when in the final weeks of the race for mayor Enyia was paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to build support for Vallas in many Black communities but did little work. The lawsuit states that Vallas was the victim of fraud, unjust enrichment and "in the alternative, breach of contract" by Enyia.

A former staffer for Gov. Pat Quinn, director of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission, vice president for a local cannabis company and brother of 2019 mayoral candidate Amara Enyia, Enyia described the lawsuit as "shameful," "unfounded" and "absolutely unfair."

"I have known Paul Vallas for years. I regarded him as a trusted friend. He trusted me," Enyia said in a news release from his attorney, James Dahl. "Now after I have provided my help, Vallas wants to claw back my compensation. That is absolutely unfair."

Vallas during the campaign publicly discussed hiring Enyia for a position in his administration if Vallas won April 4, but he lost to Cook County Commissioner Brandon Johnson.

In the lawsuit, Vallas said Enyia used the pressure of the final weeks of the runoff election to squeeze large payments from the campaign. According to the suit, Enyia said he hired crews to place pro-Vallas signs in majority Black neighborhoods and remove others linking Vallas to the pro-former President Donald Trump "MAGA" movement.

Those signs sprung up largely in Black neighborhoods and were damaging for Vallas, who insisted he was a lifelong Democrat even as he was backed by the Chicago Fraternal Order of Police and had other support from right-wing groups and individuals.

Despite there being no written agreement for the sign placements and removals, Enyia's company, Ikoro LLC, in less than a month racked up $500,000 in payments from Vallas' campaign, according to state records. The lawsuit claims a total of $680,000 payments were approved by Vallas' campaign manager, Brian Towne, and were paid by Peter Jeon, who helped with the campaign's budget. Towne, the suit says, thought the arrangement had been cleared by Vallas.

The suit states that Vallas did not discover the payments until after the election was over and that he called Enyia and confronted him about the charges and that Enyia refused to provide an accounting of how the money was spent.

Enyia said his statement that his consulting work included "policy development, professional networks, personal relationships and field support" and that he deserved payment for services rendered.

"Vallas asked me for my help, I provided my help, I billed for my help, the bills for my help were approved, and I have been paid for my help," Enyia said. "I fulfilled completely my obligations to the campaign."

Dahl said Enyia, who is referred to as "Chima" throughout the lawsuit, "intends to defend the Vallas claims in court and not in the press." But Enyia added in the statement that if Vallas repeats "any of the accusations which he has alleged in his lawsuit outside of the courthouse ... then I can and will sue him for defamation."

"In the end, the voters were right," Enyia said. "Paul Vallas did not deserve to be the mayor of the City of Chicago."

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Anaise Rivera, of Reavis High School in Burbank, is pleased with how well her team's meringue-topped flourless chocolate cake turned out during a culinary arts competition at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills.
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Students take airline chicken to new heights at contest

By Kimberly Fornek
For Daily Southtown

Anaise Rivera of Reavis High School smiled in relief when her flourless chocolate cake came cleanly out of the pan. She had not expected to be on the team from the school in Burbank as it competed against other high schools in a culinary contest last week, but another student had to drop out and she was asked to fill in.

"I took over at the last minute," Rivera said. "I've made the sauce, but I never made the cake before."

Three-member teams from nine high schools in the southwest suburbs competed in Moraine Valley Community College's High School Culinary Skills Competition April 18.

Each team had to prepare a salad, an entree consisting of airline chicken with a vegetable and starch, and flourless chocolate cake for dessert.

Most people don't think of airplane food as fine dining, but airline chicken apparently is a premium dish. That was important for the high school students to know.

The chicken is a boneless breast with the skin on and the first wing joint attached. It got the name airline chicken because it originally was served on flights so passengers could eat it holding onto the little "drumette," explained chef and Moraine Valley Culinary Arts Program coordinator Dean Eliacostas.

The team from Shepard High School in Palos Heights, which received the most points in the entree category, served the airline breast and drumette intact.

"It was a crisp, tiered chicken breast served on top of a bed of mashed potatoes with broccolini," said Klaus Mandl, one of three professional chefs who judged the contest, an annual event going back at least 10 years.

Another judge, Chuck Pine, owner of Chuck's Southern Comforts Cafés in Burbank and Darien, said the judges noticed how well Shepard senior Jabari Harvey was seasoning the breast, including under the skin.

"He seasoned the heck out of it," Pine said. "It was juicy. The broccolini was spot on. I would have eaten every piece of it." Pine knew, however, that entrees from several more teams and nine desserts were still coming for him to taste.

Another team, however, chopped the breast up for a dish they cooked on the stovetop and served over handmade noodles with a chopped Asian salad to start.

"Those noodles were great," Pine said. "Everything was great." But he and the other judges deducted points because the chicken breast was not served as intended.

Shepard High School senior Jabari Harvey seasons a portion of a chicken breast, which helped the Palos Heights school's culinary team win first place in a competition last week at Moraine Valley Community College.

"Airline chicken breast is a premium product," Mandl said, noting if it is cut up, "in a restaurant, you can't charge what you should be charging."

The students are told the entree and dessert they'll be working with about two weeks in advance and submit a list of ingredients they will need for the entire meal, which Moraine Valley staff has ready for them at the competition.

Recognizing that the young chefs were 16- and 17-year-olds, the judges were impressed by some of their talent and passion.

"Sometimes they are better than cooks in restaurants, because these kids get a classic training," Mandl said.

"You can tell the kids who are really into it," Pine said. "They take charge."

Several students said the most challenging aspect of the competition was working amid so many people.

"I feel the pressure of everybody around," said Claire Begani, a sophomore at Richards High School in Oak Lawn. Her teammate Andrea Abarcia agreed.

"There's a lot of movement," Abarcia said, "and it's hard not knowing where everything is."

In addition to the 27 contestants and three judges, various Moraine Valley staff and students in the community college's culinary arts program were there to help out. They hustled about the commercial-style kitchen, which though large, at times felt crowded.

"There's a lot of people, but everyone has been super helpful and communicating well," said Isabelle Gilbert from Shepard, the school which won last year's competition.

"I'm actually surprisingly calm," said Shepard senior Emily Sheppard, as she melted sugar in a pot on the range to make "caramel dust" for the chocolate cake. Her plan was to melt the sugar at 300 degrees, then spread it on parchment paper to cool. Once the caramel hardens in a sheet, she drops it so it cracks and she smashes it with a meat tenderizer.

"It turns into a dust and you can sprinkle it wherever you want," Sheppard said. "I made it for the first time yesterday."

Shepard culinary arts instructor Dan Solski said his students did only one dry run, because he knew practicing in the high school's culinary classroom would not prepare them for the hectic environment and different equipment in Moraine's culinary arts kitchen.

The commercial stoves, for example, get "really hot, really fast," advised a Moraine student helping out. Sheppard learned that firsthand, when her first batch of caramel overcooked and had to be scrapped.

Eliacostas said the Moraine culinary instructors chose dishes that require the students to demonstrate various techniques, such as folding in egg whites.

"We want them to take the skill set they are learning in class and apply it to working in a commercial kitchen," Eliacostas said, adding the fact that the competition is timed puts a little pressure on them. The teams have about 2.5 hours from when they start preparing the meal to when they present their desserts, the last category to be judged.

Winning the entree category carried Shepard High School to first place as the overall champion. The school received a plaque and participation gifts. Medals also were given for first, second and third place in each course of the meal. Reavis won first place for its fennel and arugula salad with apple slices and candied walnuts. Judges said the chocolate cake desserts were all very close, but Oak Lawn High School took first place primarily due to the beautiful chocolate scrolling on the plate.

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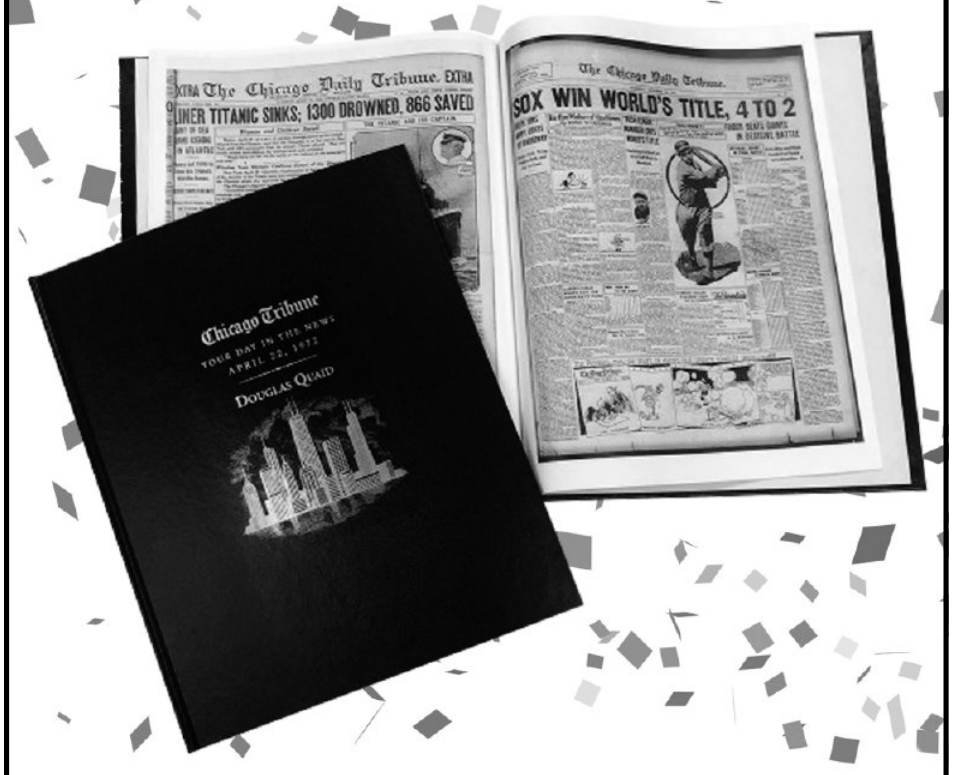

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Mayor-elect Brandon Johnson greets people at MacArthur's Restaurant in Austin on Sunday.
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such a waiver was granted the board would take it up at its next meeting.

It's just one of the issues facing Johnson as he tries to build a team he can trust to help him start quickly delivering on his promises to change the way City Hall operates.

At least two of the five transition leaders Johnson named — senior adviser Amisha Patel and intergovernmental affairs adviser Erica Bland-Durosinmi — don't live in Chicago.

There's no prohibition on transition team members living in the suburbs, since they aren't city employees who are subject to requirements that they reside within city limits.

But Johnson often touts his West Side bona fides as an Austin resident and seeks to highlight his commitment to residents of Chicago's poor and working class neighborhoods after campaigning on a pledge to "tax non-Chicagoans before we tax our own residents." So his reliance on non-Chicagoans merits notice.

Patel, who's the former executive director of Grassroots Collaborative and Grassroots Illinois Action, and Bland-Durosinmi, vice president at the Service Employees International Union Healthcare, have strong credentials that make them good fits for the Johnson transition, Reese said.

"As a community organizer and leader of tens of thousands of rank-and-file Chicago union workers, respectively, they have vast knowledge of not just city politics and policy, but all levels of government throughout the state of Illinois, which will be essential to the success of Mayor-elect Johnson's administration," he said in a statement.

"There are few people better-qualified to lead our transition team and lay the foundation for a better, safer and stronger Chicago."

Lightfoot ran into some trouble early in her term when she brought Wilmette resident Lisa Schneider-Fabes into her administration.

Schneider-Fabes served as Lightfoot's transition team manager. She then got hired as a vice president at the quasi-governmental World Business Chicago organization, which detailed her to City Hall, allowing Schneider-Fabes to collect a salary while evading the residency rules.

She resigned several months later as city Inspector General Joseph Ferguson's office was looking into the arrangement.

Meanwhile, the name of another Johnson transition team leader, intergovernmental affairs adviser D'Javan Conway, appeared earlier this month on a list of potential defense witnesses for James Weiss.

The son-in-law of onetime Cook County Democratic Party Chairman Joe Berrios, Weiss is set to face trial soon on federal charges alleging he bribed a state representative and a state senator for help on legislation benefiting sweepstakes gaming machines.

Conway is a onetime staffer for now-indicted former House Speaker Michael Madigan, and has in recent years counted among his Springfield lobbying clients Exelon, the parent company of ComEd. The utility has been in the news in recent weeks during the "ComEd Four" trial in which federal prosecutors allege ComEd officials sought to influence Madigan by funneling bribes to a roster of his cronies.

Reese said Conway doesn't know why his name is on the defense list, which contains about two dozen names.

"Mr. Conway has provided consulting services for dozens of political committees, corporations and unions throughout his career, and briefly worked with the Illinois Retail Sweepstakes and Promotion Association in 2018-2019," Reese said. "Mr. Conway has no current relationship with Mr. Weiss and hasn't spoken to him in years."

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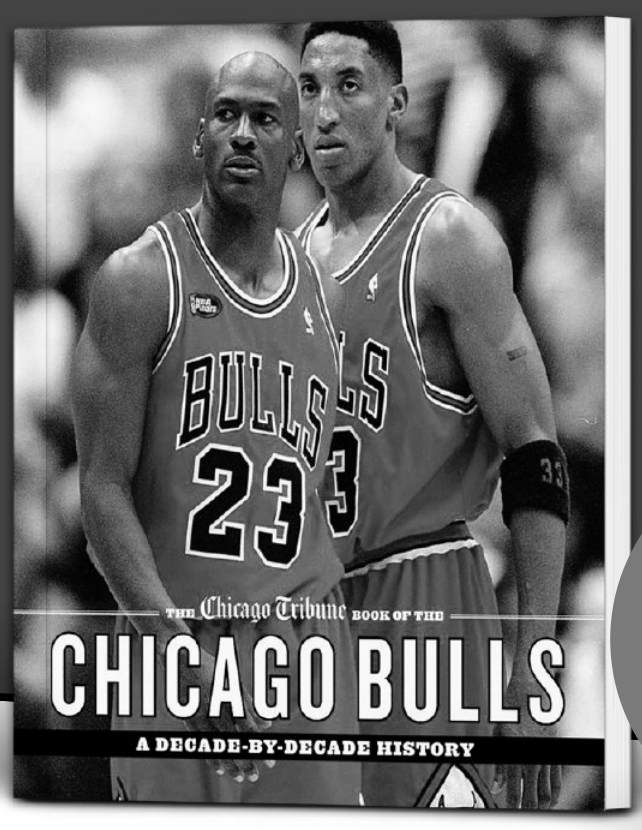

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North Lawndale residents cry for wide-sweeping violence prevention

Violence Interrupters founder Tio Hardiman speaks Monday near where a 1-year-old Berwyn boy was found slain in Chicago's North Lawndale neighborhood. **EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

By Nell Salzman
Chicago Tribune

Community advocates and residents gathered in the North Lawndale neighborhood Monday to raise awareness about the death of a 1-year-old boy found dead on the West Side Thursday.

Zaiden A. Collins, of Berwyn, suffered blunt force trauma to the abdomen inside a residence in the North Lawndale neighborhood's 1300 block of South Kedzie Avenue, police said. The death was ruled a homicide, but as of Monday afternoon, the investigation was ongoing. There are no updates beyond the original statement that Zaiden was put down for a nap and then found unresponsive.

Violence Interrupters founder Tio Hardiman, longtime anti-violence advocate, called for more awareness from the media and a hastened police investigation at a news conference, where he gazed upon the small audience of reporters with conviction.

"Where's the outrage? Why is nobody making any noise about what happened to this little baby?" Hardiman asked.

He said he heard about Zaiden's death through word-of-mouth within the Lawndale community. When the incident received little to no media attention in the days following, he said he knew he needed to do something.

Hardiman told the Tribune that violence in the city's South and West sides is too often forgotten.

Shawn Childs, a mentor at House of Hope and leader of No Kids Die in the Chi has been shot three times and in and out of prison. He, like other violence interrupters, is using the trauma of his past to provide culturally competent care for high-risk individuals.

"I was one of those kids growing up, from Cabrini-Green," he told the Tribune. "I decided I had the knowledge and wisdom to help a kid not go through what I went through."

But he said not enough people are stepping up to help.

A group of about a dozen community members and activists gathered in a triangle in front of the Rev B.T. Little Community Center, feet away from the residence where Zaiden's homicide occurred. As they took turns speaking, others in the group nodded or cried out in agreement. Many looked down at their feet.

Mother and longtime South Austin resident Zerlina Smith-Members said the community hasn't been able to get in touch with Zaiden's mother. Smith-Members runs a nonprofit called Mothers Who Care. She is a mother herself, but said she takes care of hundreds of other children, fighting to provide them with mental health services, school supplies and other resources.

> ***"Why do we have to make a fuss to get noticed? Why do our communities always have to scream, kick and push to get help?"***
>
> *— Shawn Childs, a mentor at House of Hope and leader of No Kids Die in the Chi*

She said she couldn't sleep when she found out about the blunt force trauma inflicted on the 1-year-old. She said she can't stop thinking about his mother.

"We know, wherever she is, she's not sleeping," Smith-Members said.

Eric Russell, District 6 member-elect of the Chicago Police District Council, said incidents like these occur because of a lack of mental health services in the city. He demanded a thorough investigation into why the innocent child's life was taken.

"This heinous murder of a 1-year-old baby ... it represents a bigger picture of our city. There is a spiritual and a moral decay in our city," he said.

North Lawndale resident Jermaine J. Sanders said that this type of violence affects the whole community. Sanders has lost family to violence. He has a 5-year-old daughter, and Zaiden's death reminds him of what could happen at any moment to his own child.

Smith-Members said the solution to the violence in the South and West sides of Chicago is all-inclusive, wraparound financial services to help entire families — mothers, fathers, grandparents and caregivers. It's not easy to take care of a child, she said, but it's even harder to do so without support.

Childs wore a black No Kids Die sweatshirt. He said No Kids Die teams were involved in controlling recent teen violence in the South Loop. He reiterated the need for early investment in these young people, and not just when they flock downtown.

"Why do we have to make a fuss to get noticed? Why do our communities always have to scream, kick and push to get help?" he asked.

North Lawndale residents walking by stopped to watch. Russell said that Zaiden's death means elected officials must ask some bigger questions.

"This offers a trap door to the violence that plagues our city," he said.

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"The shield between an individual citizen and a very powerful government, in this case a very powerful government committed and dedicated to getting Mike Madigan," Cotter said. "Don't let Mike McClain be collateral damage in that war."

The starkly disparate views of the political corruption probe that rocked Illinois politics were on full display as attorneys from both sides began making their final arguments to the jury in the ComEd Four trial, which is now in its seventh, and possibly final, week.

The jury is expected to begin deliberating the case Tuesday afternoon, following closing remarks from the final two defendants and a rebuttal argument from prosecutors.

Charged are McClain, 75, a longtime ComEd contract lobbyist; former ComEd CEO Anne Pramaggiore, 64, a lawyer and onetime rising star in Chicago's corporate world; Jay Doherty, 69, a lobbyist and ex-president of the City Club of Chicago; and John Hooker, 74, who over a 44-year career worked his way from the utility's mailroom to become its point man in Springfield.

The indictment alleged the four conspired to funnel $1.3 million in payments to ghost "subcontractors," largely through Doherty's company, who were actually Madigan's cronies.

The utility also hired a clouted law firm run by political operative Victor Reyes, distributed numerous college internships within Madigan's 13th Ward fiefdom, and blatantly backed former McPier chief Juan Ochoa, the friend of a Madigan ally, for an $80,000-a-year seat on the utility's board of directors, the indictment alleged.

In return, prosecutors say, Madigan used his influence over the General Assembly to help ComEd score a series of huge legislative victories that not only rescued the company from financial instability but led to record-breaking, billion-dollar profits.

Among them was the 2011 smart grid bill that set a built-in formula for the rates ComEd could charge customers, avoiding battles with the Illinois Commerce Commission, according to the charges. ComEd also leaned on Madigan's office to help pass the Future Energy Jobs Act in 2016, which kept the formula rate in place and also rescued two nuclear plants run by an affiliated company, Exelon Generation.

Monday's arguments reflected the wide gulf between the allegations by prosecutors and lawyers for the defendants, who have told the jury over and over that the government is seeking to criminalize legal lobbying and job recommendations that are at the center of the state's legitimate political system.

Following Cotter's emotional conclusion, Scott Lassar, lead attorney for Pramaggiore, told the jury that there was simply no evidence of any conspiracy.

"The reason the government didn't prove their case is because their case was dead wrong," Lassar said in his typically understated style. "ComEd was not bribing Madigan."

He ended by urging the jury not to hold it against Pramaggiore because she was the CEO, and to not compromise its verdict because being found guilty of just one of the lesser charges would still be "devastating" for Pramaggiore.

"Anne Pramaggiore is completely innocent," Lassar said. "End this nightmare for her. Send her back to her family. Find her not guilty on every count."

In deliberating the case, jurors will have to sift through a mountain of evidence, including dozens of wiretapped phone calls and secretly recorded videos, hundreds of emails and internal documents, and the live testimony of some 50 witnesses, including current and former state legislators, ComEd executives, and Madigan insiders such as former political staffer Will Cousineau and legendary precinct captain Ed Moody.

MacArthur began her more than two-hour presentation Monday with one of the most intriguing recordings in the case, a February 2019 call where McClain, Pramaggiore and Hooker talked about who would be the utility's Madigan point person once McClain officially retired.

"There is no one right now that I can actually tell our friend, 'This is the lead (person), and when you call that guy will snap to, or that gal will snap to, and know what to do and get back to you," McClain said on the call. "There's no one in the company that has that kind of smack right now."

At the time, MacArthur said, the defendants' "system of corruptly influencing Michael Madigan with a stream of benefits and rewards had been up and running for years," but things were changing. Pramaggiore had moved on to become CEO of parent company Exelon Utilities. And they didn't like or trust the man who'd replaced her at ComEd, Joe Dominguez.

McClain added on the call that he wouldn't mind having a "daddy talk" with Dominguez, and if he wanted to fire him, "That's fine."

"My instinct is that I come up to Chicago and I sit down with Dominguez and I say, 'Now look-it (expletive), if you want to pass this bill, this is what it requires. So, either you're gonna play in the tier-one game here, or you're gonna keep playing in your tier-two game here ... but this is like serious business, it's millions of dollars.' "

"That is what this case is all about," MacArthur told the jury. "The members of this inner circle had to play that tier-one game."

MacArthur then methodically took the jury through the evidence in the case and the nine counts in the indictment, which include bribery conspiracy, circumventing internal business controls and the falsification of business records to allegedly hide the payments ComEd was making.

She said ComEd was teetering on the edge of financial disaster when McClain and his three co-defendants got together on a scheme to shower Madigan with a stream of benefits and "turn the tide" for the utility with a series of big wins in Springfield.

"Madigan wanted, ComEd gave, and ComEd got," MacArthur said.

MacArthur also bluntly accused Pramaggiore and Hooker of lying on the witness stand when they testified in their own defense earlier this month.

In particular, the prosecutor seized upon Pramaggiore's claim that she did not know about Madigan-backed subcontractors until the federal investigation became public in mid-2019, walking the jury through texts and recorded conversations that she said showed Pramaggiore actually knew as far back as 2013.

Among them is a now-infamous call on Feb. 18, 2019, when Marquez, who at the time was secretly cooperating with the investigation, told Pramaggiore that Doherty had subcontractors that were "just collecting checks."

At one point on the recording, Pramaggiore said "Oh my god," when Marquez was describing the situation. Later in the call, she advised Marquez to tell Dominguez not to change anything in the middle of the legislative session so somebody didn't get their "nose out of joint."

Pramaggiore testified that she didn't remember the conversation and that the tape "proves my innocence."

In his argument, Lassar said her reaction to Marquez's news doesn't jive with the government's theory. "If she is part of the conspiracy, she's going to say 'Fidel, those are Madigan's people. They're not supposed to do any work. That's how we get our legislation passed,'" Lassar said.

MacArthur, however, argued it's the opposite: Pramaggiore was lying to "stay as far away as she possibly can from admitting knowledge of the subcontractors."

"She said to you it proves her innocence. That is flat-out wrong," MacArthur said. "That conversation proves her guilt."

The jury also heard two starkly different interpretations of another key recording from 2019, when Pramaggiore told McClain that she was close to finalizing the deal to put Ochoa on ComEd's board.

"You take good care of me and, and so does our friend and I will do the best that I can to, to take care of you," Pramaggiore told McClain on the recording, referring to Madigan as "our friend" as McClain often did. "You're a good man."

MacArthur said the motive for that statement was simple. Pramaggiore was taking credit for something she'd helped deliver for Madigan, an appointment that would give him "political capital" with then-U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez, who had backed Ochoa for the spot.

"She wanted to let McClain know that she had gotten it done," MacArthur said. "Madigan wanted it, and that's why Anne Pramaggiore continued to push for it."

Lassar, however, had a more innocent explanation, telling the jury Pramaggiore is simply a nice person who likes to make people feel good. She writes thank you notes, she rescues animals, including a donkey, Lassar said. And you could "hear the warmth in Anne's voice" when she told McClain, "You're a good man."

MacArthur also focused on the undercover video recordings of several of the defendants that were made by Marquez after he was confronted by the FBI in January 2019 and agreed to cooperate.

In a video-recorded meeting with Doherty, Marquez asked what he had the subcontractors doing, and Doherty replied, "Well, not much, to answer the question."

"They keep their mouth shut. ... But do they do anything for me on a day-to-day basis? No," Doherty said on the recording.

Doherty also discussed how the first Madigan associate to get a subcontract with him was former Ald. Frank Olivo of Madigan's 13th Ward in 2011 — the same year the company won legislative approval of the smart grid bill.

MacArthur noted that Doherty's recorded explanation of the arrangement was that Hooker called up one day and said he wanted to "slug" a subcontractor onto the Doherty contract, meaning Olivo would be paid $4,000 a month for a no-work job.

To illustrate the amount of the payments, Doherty silently held up four fingers to Marquez.

Other Doherty subcontractors included Moody, fellow 13th Ward precinct captain Ray Nice, and ex-23rd Ward Ald. Mike Zalewski.

In each instance where a subcontractor was being paid, it should have been Marquez's call, since he was supposedly in charge of all of ComEd's lobbyists, MacArthur said. But it clearly was not his call — it was Madigan's.

The "intermediaries" like Doherty who were enlisted to funnel payments to the subcontractors, MacArthur said, were all loyal to the speaker, people "who would keep their mouth shut. People who would not ruin the system that they had set up."

Regarding the contract with Reyes Kurson, MacArthur noted that it guaranteed Reyes's firm 850 hours a year of billing at a time that ComEd was vying for passage of its 2011 smart grid bill.

Reyes was also working closely with Madigan at the time to help develop Hispanic outreach.

When Reyes' contract came up for renewal five years later, it coincided with the FEJA legislation that saved two Exelon nuclear power plants and the jobs that went with them, MacArthur said. The bill, pulling together a coalition of utilities, organized labor and environmentalists, was passed on the last day of the 2016 fall veto session.

The numerous college interns that Madigan's 13th Ward got to place each year at ComEd also was another leg of the alleged crimes that MacArthur outlined. Many of the recommendations that came from Madigan were for students who had grade-point averages below the normal threshold, but got hired anyway.

"Those interns didn't have to compete for the slots," MacArthur said, adding: "If this sounds upside down, it's because it was."

She said the 10 internships ComEd gave to Madigan's 13th Ward each year was not lobbying but rather a bribe to Madigan.

"When Madigan said 'Jump,' the defendants said, 'How high?' " MacArthur said. "Or, in the case of the summer interns, it was, 'How low should we go?' "

Cotter began his argument by telling the jury that after six weeks of testimony, it was clear prosecutors "have ignored every piece of evidence that came forth in this trial that was not consistent with their theory" of the case.

"There was no evidence introduced at this trial of any action taken by Madigan on any ComEd piece of legislation from 2011 to 2019," Cotter said. "Nothing."

He also said the reason ComEd's legislation passed "was because of an incredible amount of very fine lobbying," not a few jobs spread out over a decade.

"Over and over, witnesses and evidence showed you that ComEd often, regularly and without any fear of consequence, said 'No' to Madigan's job recommendations," Cotter said.

And contrary to the government's theory, Cotter said, it was clear that McClain intended for all of the ComEd hires to do work.

"Friendship is just friendship. Lobbying is just lobbying. And politics is just politics. And none of them is illegal," Cotter said.

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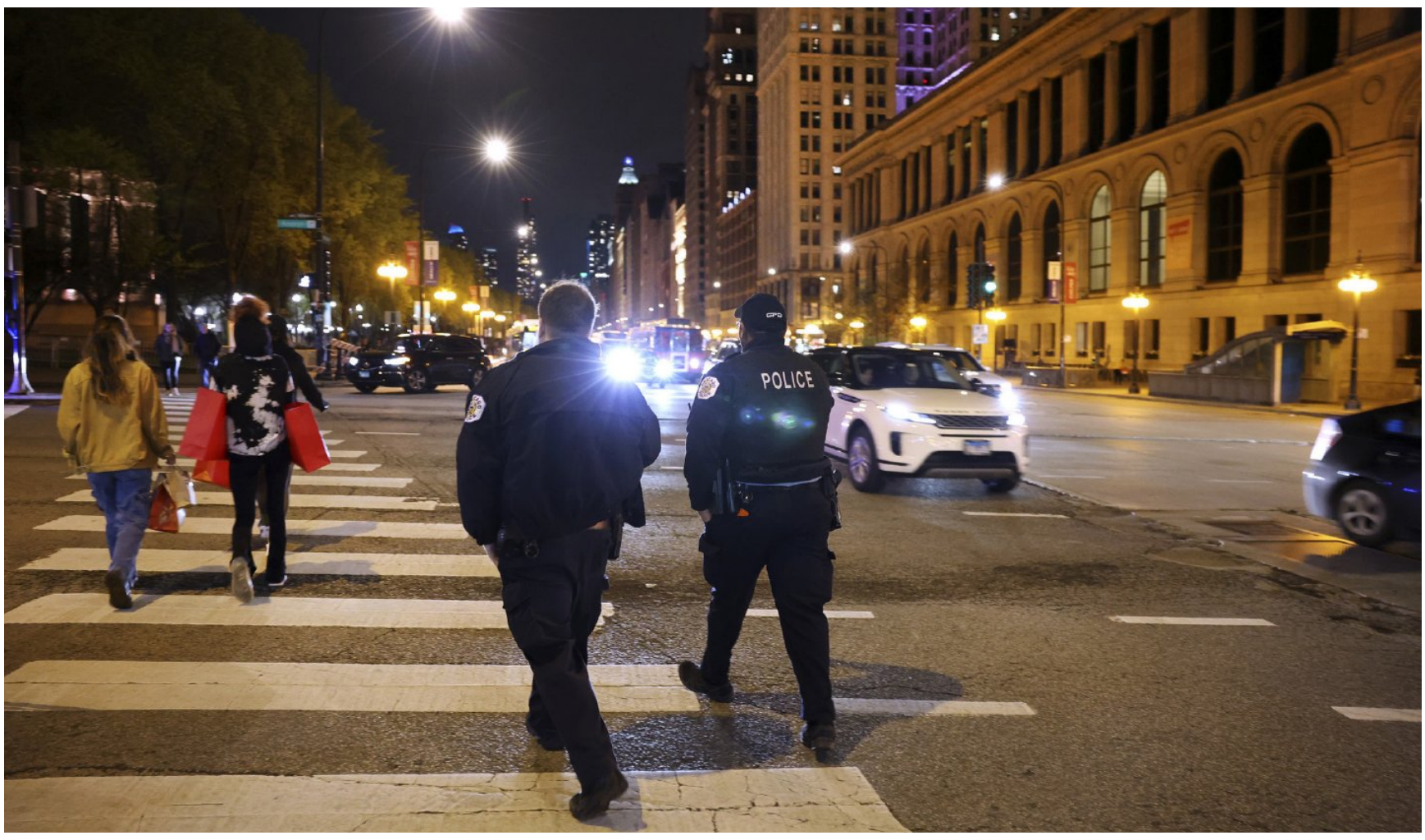

Chicago police officers near Millennium Park on Saturday. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

‘Quiet quitting’ cannot be an option for Chicago police

During the recent teen melee in Chicago’s Loop, one especially troubling report emerged.

According to a report by WGN News, a woman said she tried to flag down Chicago police officers in a squad car to stop an assault in progress, but the officers chose to drive away.

The woman, Lenora Dennis, then reportedly drove the couple, the victims of the alleged assault, to a police station where they all talked to a desk sergeant. Apparently this sergeant said, “This is happening because Brandon Johnson got elected.”

This anecdote hardly is airtight evidence of police officers deliberately failing to attend to persons in need.

The officers may have had a needier emergency to get to, and there are a lot of sergeants in the city who mouth off about a lot of things when under stress. Cops blow off steam just like the rest of us, and they’re entitled to their opinions in a free country.

But even with those caveats, this was still a very disturbing piece of informal testimony, and not from a police union official but from an ordinary citizen.

It’s enough of a concern to reiterate something obvious here: A police officer’s sworn duty to serve and protect does not end with the election of a mayor who was not the first choice of many in uniform.

Even edge down such a road and the potential consequences for this city are dire.

This would still apply if that mayor were to deliver an anti-police speech, or undermine budgets, or (unlike his predecessor) stand in unwavering rhetorical support of a prosecutor who put criminals back on the streets. Cops would still have their sworn duty to perform.

They have the right to leave their job, as do any of us, and we’ve certainly seen some exercise that option. We may see more. But that’s different from what is sometimes colloquially known as “quiet quitting,” or just doing the minimum after something happens in the workplace that causes you to feel passed over or devalued or asked to work in near-impossible circumstances. Some can get away with that and still feel good about themselves. Not first responders.

For police officers, there remains only two options: Do the job to the very best of your ability.

Or leave.

We have too much respect for Chicago police officers and other first responders to believe there is an epidemic of quiet quitting. But it’s now clear that the new police superintendent will need to pay close attention to this issue. Job one, in fact, along with the crucial re-engaging with the consent decree.

What many Chicagoans don’t realize, though, is that the new permanent police superintendent is a long way from taking office.

Consider the timeline, at least as we understand the new process.

The Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability (CCPSA) is charged with leading the search and nominating three candidates for Johnson to consider. Applications, which are open, are being accepted through May 7.

Right now, we’re in the middle of a process of town hall-style community meetings where city residents get to sound off on what they want to see in a top cop. Two forums remain, including a virtual forum slated for Tuesday at 6 p.m.

So far so good. But the CCSPA then can take its sweet time. The deadline for sending the top three candidates to the incoming mayor is July 14. That’s nearly three months from now. After receiving those names, the mayor has yet another month to make an appointment by Aug. 13. Alternatively, he could reject all three finalists. And if that happens, the commission must then essentially start over.

In other words, even if all goes smoothly, which is hardly a given in any job search at this level, there still will be no permanent police superintendent before kids are back in the school. Remember, anyone being offered the job could be currently working at another city police department and will need to give notice. It could well be far into the fall before the new top cop is on the job.

Meanwhile, CPD already has had to cope with the March resignation of Mayor Lori Lightfoot’s beleaguered police superintendent, David Brown. And in recent days, interim Superintendent Eric Carter has confirmed he plans to retire May 15 after 30 years with the department. It’s never ideal when a person in an interim position says he will retire so long before the permanent replacement arrives.

So if you add all of that up in the light of coming warm weather, at least four observations are worth making.

- The CCSPA should get a move on and make sure the new mayor is on the same page before those names get sent.
- Johnson and his administration should move even faster.
- Johnson had better pay close attention to the quality of Carter’s summer replacement.
- And, Chicagoans will have to rely for their protection this summer on the honor and ethics of police officers of all ranks. That’s always true, but it’s especially acute given all the leadership turmoil, for which, frankly, those police officers deserve the city’s apology.

Whether or not they get one, we know the vast majority of Chicagoans appreciate the dangers of their jobs, just as they count on those officers to give their all to keep our city safe.

ABOUT SAMUEL ALITO AND MIFEPRISTONE

The U.S. Supreme Court was correct on Friday evening in freezing any limitations on the abortion medication mifepristone that a New Orleans federal appeals court panel had barred from being mailed and reduced by three weeks its availability to women seeking to terminate their pregnancies. That unfair and unworkable appeals ruling came after an appeal of Texas federal Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk’s wacko decision to undo the Food and Drug Administration’s approval of the drug dating back to the Clinton administration in 2000. The same day that Kacsmaryk’s decision — laced with his personal anti-abortion rhetoric — came out, federal Judge Thomas Rice in Spokane, Washington, issued his own order directing the FDA to keep mifepristone on the market unchanged. Clearly, the Big Nine in D.C. will have to make the final call.

So leaving everything in place for now, with a spare order from the high court of just three sentences, made sense. Except to Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito, who dissented from their seven colleagues. Silent Clarence wrote nothing, but Sam, author of the infamous Dobbs opinion from last summer overturning Roe v. Wade, penned three angry pages. According to Dobbs, Alito wants states to allow or ban abortion, but removing the abortion pills by federal court action serves as a ban, so he’s in a pickle now. Clearly upset, Alito fulminated against his court making a decision without a full hearing, the so-called shadow docket. ...

Alito also wrote that there would be no “irreparable harm” if the lower court’s restrictions took place while the case is being fought out. Only an anti-abortion zealot would think that women needing abortions and being unable to get the required drugs through the mail or from their doctors is not “irreparable harm.”

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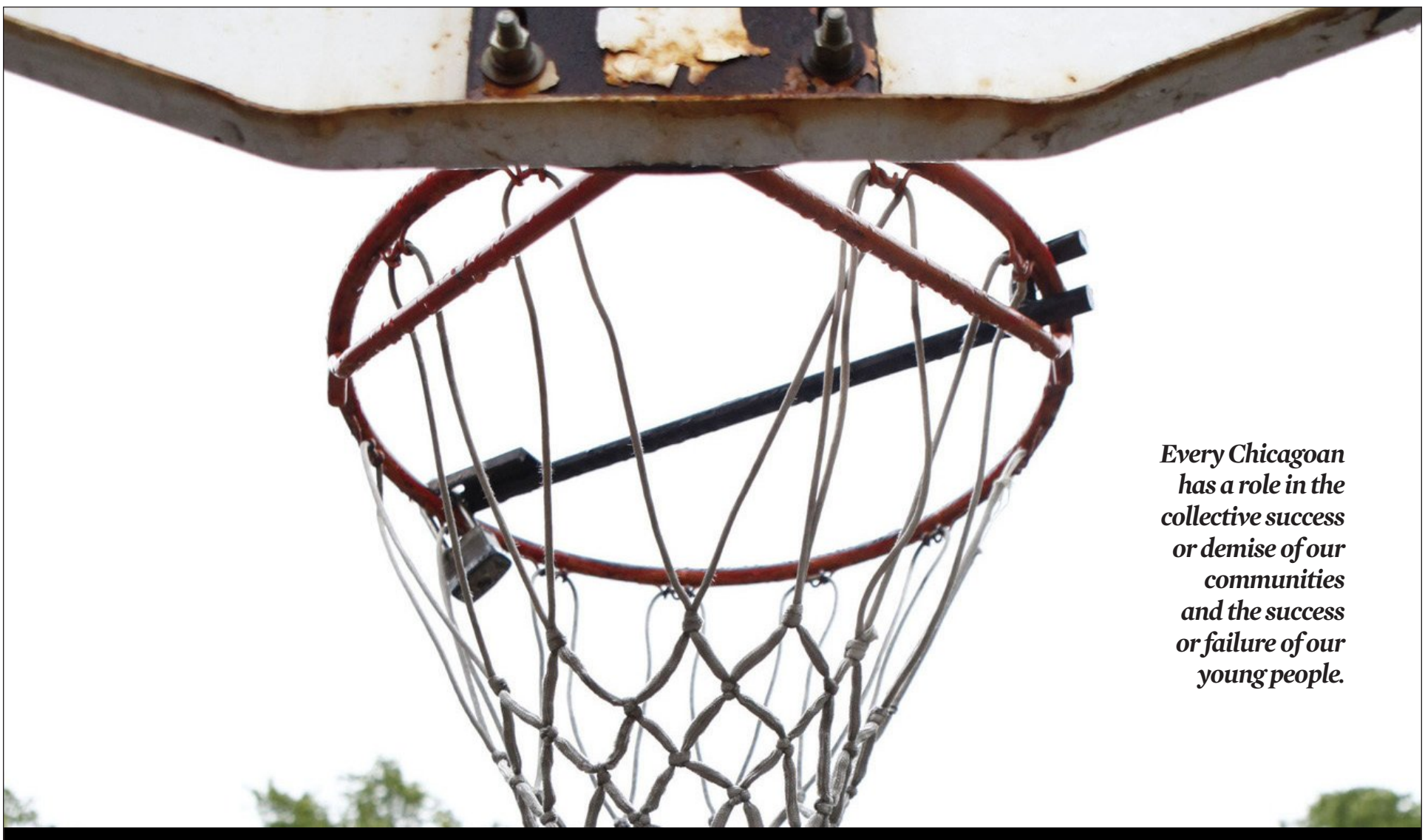


Every Chicagoan has a role in the collective success or demise of our communities and the success or failure of our young people.

A basketball rim is locked up at Cole Park in Chicago's Chatham neighborhood in 2010 following two nearby shootings. JOSÉ M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO HELP OUR TEENS IN CHICAGO

By Kam Buckner

The mass gatherings in Chicago on the last warm weekend, largely in my legislative district at a South Side beach and in Millennium Park, are reminiscent of something that has occurred in this city for more than a decade. I remember being in law school in 2010 and the collective angst that many of my nonnative classmates felt about the Red Line stop at State Street and Chicago Avenue because of the droves of young people who hung out there.

While these events are not new, the way we approach them has to be because it is obvious that whatever we have done for the last decade has not worked.

Being a young person downtown or on the lake is not a crime, and we cannot treat it like it is. Chicagoans are interested in solutions, but it should first be said that when we talk about making sure that young people have things to do in their neighborhoods, it's not because we want to keep them out of downtown. If you show me a downtown with no young people, I will show you a city that is dying. Young people on the South and West sides should have things to do in their neighborhoods because all kids and teenagers should be able to have fun close to home, no matter their ZIP code.

Furthermore, Chicago has a disturbing history of shutting young people out of public spaces, from removing basketball rims and backboards from parks, to downtown curfews, to the failure to protect young lifeguards from sexual abuse and the subsequent closure of Park District swimming pools during a sweltering Chicago summer.

Our young people should have things to do in their neighborhoods and still have the option of being downtown. As a teenager, I had things to do in my community, and I did them, but I still wanted to go downtown from time to time because what Chicagoan wouldn't? It's beautiful. My greatest childhood memories of Chicago summers include sliding down the Picasso in grammar school and walking through Navy Pier with friends as a high schooler.

These young people belong to someone, they sleep in someone's home and they sit in someone's classroom and very often in someone's church on Sundays. Our question to them needs to be: What do they need?

Many of us know the African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child." This is true in one reality, but through the looking glass is another reality: It takes a village to raze a child. The mass weekend gatherings we've seen are no one person's fault; the fault and the responsibility are ours all. Every Chicagoan has a role in the collective success or demise of our communities and the success or failure of our young people.

We have to return to some form of community cohesion, which has dwindled over generations. I often say when my parents were growing up, if there was a house on fire on their block, neighbors would call the Fire Department and say, "Our block is on fire." When I was growing up, if there were a house on fire on my block, neighbors would reach out and say, "Your house is on fire." Now in many cases, if there is a house on fire on the block, many of us take a video or picture of it and say, "Their house is on fire," and continue with our day.

Over the last week, I've joined with many of my colleagues and community leaders who are interested in facilitating conversations with young people around Chicago in hopes of hearing from them about what needs to change.

I've had conversations about culturally competent community response teams helping keep our city safe during warm summer weekends; faith-based groups and nonprofits working with parents of young people; and Chicago Public Schools, the CTA and community organizations coordinating with each other. Talks have also focused on creating community ambassadors; funding groups like the youth-led GoodKids MadCity to organize peaceful block parties for our young people, which the group has done successfully for years; funding concerts at Northerly Island and sports tournaments in our most iconic parks; and providing safe and engaging spaces in neighborhoods and downtown for our young people. For example, discounting roller rinks, movies, restaurants and other activities that allow young people to enjoy themselves in a positive way.

If we can open ourselves up to NASCAR, we can open ourselves up to our young people.

We must all embrace our roles in the collective success or demise of our communities and of our young people. This also includes a role for the Chicago Police Department. We can't police our way out of this, but let's be real: A 14-, 16- and 17-year-old were shot during the mass gatherings two weeks ago. It's tragic and unacceptable, and CPD must work together with communities to be part of the collective solution.

The vast majority of youths at these gatherings are not violent. They may be loud and disruptive, but that's not a crime. And for those who are violent, we need accountability and new solutions. Chicago created the American juvenile justice system more than 120 years ago, and it's clearly not working. Reinventing it also needs to be on us.

I choose to believe that we still have the ability to fix what's wrong here, but we have to come together to do it.

State Rep. Kam Buckner, a Chicago Democrat, represents the 26th District.

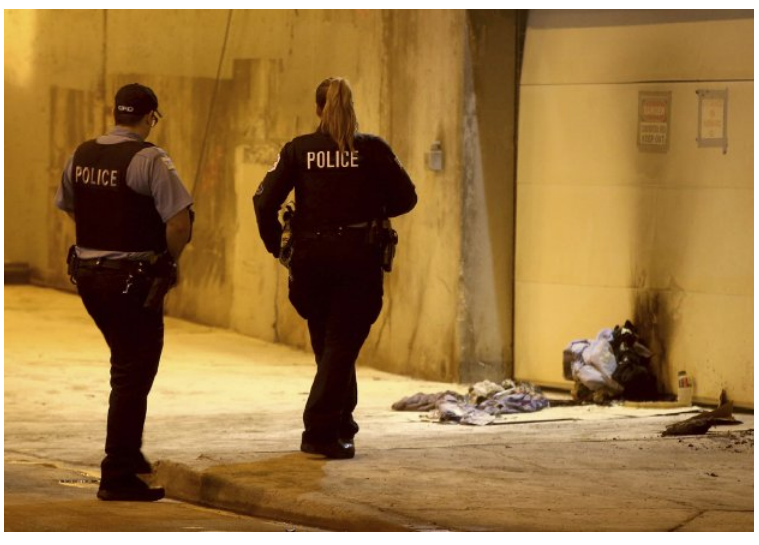
Chicago needs long-term solutions for its unhoused residents

By Erin Ryan

Chicago's housing crisis is a matter of life and death. That has been made abundantly clear by the death last month of Kevin Powell, who was killed while using our city's public transit system. He also reportedly was among the more than 65,000 Chicago residents who experience homelessness a year.

The city of Chicago cannot tolerate violence against its unhoused residents, and indeed more can be done to protect their safety. Powell's shocking death and the fatal attack last year on Joseph Kromelis underscore the urgent need for Chicago to expand access to housing and to widen the range of supportive service options available to some of our city's most vulnerable residents.

Homelessness is life-threatening, and every death of a neighbor experiencing homelessness is tragic and preventable. When people are forced by a failing system to live in public spaces, they are at greater risk for potentially fatal conditions such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, high blood pressure and respiratory ailments. They are also more likely to be victims of crime. These aforementioned illnesses, as well as serious injury due to accident or violence, are prevalent in the medical care that The Night Ministry, a Chicago-based nonprofit, provides to those living on the streets, in encampments and on CTA trains.



Police are on the scene where Joseph Kromelis was attacked on May 25. He was set on fire while sleeping in the 400 block of North Wabash Avenue in Chicago. ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The capacity of Chicago's shelter system was severely strained by the COVID-19 pandemic, and it has not recovered despite the easing of the public health crisis. This is certainly a factor in the increasing number of people who have been seeking refuge in public places, such as parks, CTA spaces and, until recently, O'Hare International Airport. But even before the pandemic, the gap between the availability of shelter beds and the number of unsheltered Chicago residents was astronomically wide.

Simply increasing the number of available shelter beds, however, is not a solution in itself. Shelters do provide essential services by addressing residents' immediate needs while connecting them to other services. But they are a stopgap measure, however necessary, in addressing homelessness. As a short-term solution to a housing crisis, shelters are not sufficient to address the long-term needs of unhoused individuals or the city's housing crisis. Furthermore, many of the people served by The Night Ministry share with us their reluctance to go to a shelter. Lack of privacy, a sense of danger, strict requirements, distant locations and short operating hours are just a few of the valid reasons many of our clients will forgo attempting to find a bed at a shelter.

We believe that one of the best ways to keep people safe as they navigate our city is to provide robust services along with access to affordable, safe housing. Housing is a human right, as is the right to safety and security, and the two are interconnected.

We need to preserve existing affordable housing and slow the rising rental costs and gentrification that push people out of their homes. We need to create more long-term and permanent housing programs that offer a wider range of options and supports and that are developed in consultation with the people they serve. In addition to ensuring immediate safety and security for those seeking shelter in public spaces, we need to strengthen the scaffolding of our service system so our service providers meet the challenges that individuals face, exacerbated by homelessness, such as health care.

There are many such impactful programs operating in Chicago, but we need an exponential increase in their numbers in a city where an increasing number of individuals lack a permanent place to call home. To achieve that, we need to bring meaningful and dedicated resources to bear, such as the funds that would be generated by the Bring Chicago Home ordinance, an estimated $163 million annually dedicated to homelessness services by restructuring the real estate transfer tax. The Chicago City Council denied voters the opportunity to vote on this proposal in February's election, but Brandon Johnson, the incoming mayor, and the new City Council have an opportunity to pass this important legislation.

We realize that the broad solutions we are advocating do not address the immediate and individual safety needs of our unsheltered community members. But unless we remedy the underlying issues that prevent every Chicagoan from remaining housed, we will continue to rely on insufficient solutions and mourn additional senseless deaths.

Erin Ryan is interim president and CEO of The Night Ministry, a Chicago-based nonprofit that provides housing support and health care to those who are unhoused or experiencing poverty.

OPINION

Is NATO stringing along Ukraine about the possibility of membership?

By Daniel DePetris

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg, second left, and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, right, talk during their meeting in Kyiv on Thursday. **UKRAINIAN PRESIDENTIAL PRESS OFFICE**

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg's trip last week to the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv was precisely what you would expect from the head of the world's oldest military alliance.

He toured the capital with senior Ukrainian officials, inspected some of the destroyed Russian military equipment left over from Russian President Vladimir Putin's failed offensive in the Kyiv region a year ago and promised more military support to the Ukrainian army as it prepares for a large-scale counteroffensive in the spring or summer.

"We stood by you after Russia's illegal annexation of Crimea in 2014," Stoltenberg said during a news conference. "We stand by you today, in your heroic fight against the Russian invaders and in defense of your country. And we will stand by you tomorrow as you rebuild, and work toward a brighter future for the Ukrainian people."

None of this was particularly controversial for the alliance, which has shoveled approximately $55 billion in military support to Kyiv over the last 14 months. The secretary-general, however, didn't stop there. "Let me be clear: Ukraine's rightful place is in the Euro-Atlantic family," he stated matter-of-factly. "Ukraine's rightful place is in NATO, and over time, our support will help you make this possible."

Unfortunately for Stoltenberg, he doesn't have any decision-making authority on this question. The decision about whether to bring Ukraine into NATO is left entirely in the hands of its 31 member states — and whether Stoltenberg and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy like it or not, the unanimity required to pull the trigger on Kyiv's membership simply isn't there. And it's unlikely to be there anytime soon, if ever.

It didn't take long for NATO members to weigh in. German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius tried to be diplomatic but essentially ruled out Ukrainian membership in the near or even medium term. "The door is open a crack, but this is not the time to decide now," Pistorius said. Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, taken aback by Stoltenberg's comments, responded brusquely with a one-word tweet: "What?!" Even before the secretary-general made his unilateral declaration, the U.S. was lukewarm about the prospect of Ukrainian membership, with one anonymous U.S. official telling Politico's European publication that enlarging NATO's defense umbrella to Ukrainian territory wasn't the priority.

This isn't the first time NATO members have hit the brakes on Ukrainian membership. In 2008, then-U.S. President George W. Bush was a foremost proponent of beginning the accession process on Kyiv's behalf. "Helping Ukraine move toward NATO membership is in the interest of every member in the alliance and will help advance security and freedom in this region and around the world," Bush said days before a NATO head-of-state meeting in Bucharest, Romania.

Yet other members, France and Germany being the most significant, weren't at all convinced about Bush's sales pitch. The French were adamant that the balance of power in Europe would suffer if NATO permitted Ukraine to join, which after all would mean French forces now possibly being on the hook for defending Ukraine in the event of hostilities with Russia. Then-German Chancellor Angela Merkel was even more opposed, pointing out that such a move would poison strategic relations with Russia at a time when Europe's ties with the Kremlin were beginning to sour. Merkel's view wasn't wrong; Ukrainian membership would be an absolute red line not only for Putin but also for the entire breadth of the Russian political establishment.

"In more than two and a half years of conversations with key Russian players, from knuckle-draggers in the dark recesses of the Kremlin to Putin's sharpest liberal critics, I have yet to find anyone who views Ukraine in NATO as anything other than a direct challenge to Russian interests," then-U.S. Ambassador to Russia William Burns wrote in a 2008 memo to the State Department.

Bush couldn't overcome the objections, so NATO settled on a compromise solution: Promise that Ukraine will become a NATO member at some point. The compromise, outlined in the Bucharest Summit Declaration in 2008, was designed to kill two birds with one stone — assure Kyiv while acknowledging that the alliance was not prepared at that time to extend a security guarantee to Ukraine. But it turned out to be the worst of all worlds, with successive Ukrainian presidents strung along to believe that NATO membership was possible while Russia was led to believe that it was only a matter of time before the alliance would expand closer to its borders.

Fifteen years since the declaration was made, Ukraine's invitation remains as open-ended today as it was back then. While Russia's brutal assault on Ukraine has certainly pushed NATO as an institution to deepen its defense relationship with Kyiv, the Ukrainians are still on the outside of the alliance looking in. The internal politics within the alliance haven't changed much either. If NATO hasn't been able to reach unanimity over the last decade and a half, then it's highly unlikely it ever will.

This reality aside, NATO continues to dangle the carrot of membership in front of Ukraine. During last year's head-of-state summit, the alliance reiterated its original 2008 decision: Ukraine will become a member, eventually. Just don't ask NATO officials when it will happen because it's an open-ended issue that never gets wrapped up.

NATO calls itself a friend of Ukraine. But being a friend also means not engaging in a geopolitical form of deceit by repeatedly insisting to a nation at war that membership — and all of the defense commitments attached to it — is still technically on the table.

The Ukrainians deserve honesty, and the blunt truth is that NATO is not willing to go to war with a nuclear-armed Russia on their behalf.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Supreme Court and mifepristone

The Food and Drug Administration approved mifepristone for medication abortions and other uses in 2000 after considering multiple studies and the drug's safety record in other countries. France and China approved the drug in 1988. It's approved in more than 90 countries today.

The statute of limitations to oppose the FDA's drug approval is six years, so U.S. District Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk's decision to overrule the FDA is more than a decade too late. His ruling was based on cherry-picked data and anonymous blog posts.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American Medical Association and other medical organizations filed a court brief that declared mifepristone to be safer than Viagra and wisdom tooth removal.

In 2021, the Supreme Court affirmed the FDA's authority to regulate medication abortions when it overturned a lower-court ruling that loosened the regulation of them. Chief Justice John Roberts wrote that courts owed "significant deference" to politically accountable entities such as the FDA that have the expertise to assess public health.

We should soon discover whether that "deference" still exists, or if the court will throw away what little credibility it has left.

— Mike Mosser, Chicago

Take same tack with Viagra

I am troubled about the *serious* and *very dangerous* side effects of Viagra. I am instructing my attorney to immediately shop for a judge who will be sympathetic to my worries about the *serious* and *very dangerous* side effects of Viagra. Of course, the judge must be a woman because her female body will not be affected by the *serious* and *very dangerous* side effects of Viagra. She is more likely to be impartial as she adjudicates this matter and less likely to bend to male pressure.

My lawyer and I agree Viagra use must be suspended. Food and Drug Administration approval must have been based on "unsound reasoning and studies that did not support its conclusions." Many deaths and adverse reactions, including vision and hearing loss, priapism, heart attacks and death — more than 500 deaths in the first year of use, according to FDA studies — are associated with the use of Viagra. It is shocking to learn about the "lack of restrictions" on Viagra, a medication with *serious* and *very dangerous* side effects.

(All of the above quoted words come from U.S. District Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk's recent ruling on mifepristone.)

A combination pack of mifepristone, left, and misoprostol tablets. **ELISA WELLS/PLAN C**

Viagra can be mailed through the U.S. Postal Service. It can even be obtained on Amazon! My goodness the danger to my fellow (male) human beings is frightening. I feel my lawyer and I must act on this urgently.

— Elizabeth B. Marren, Chicago

If women die as a result

If U.S. District Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk is successful in overturning the Food and Drug Administration's approval of mifepristone based on death risk factors, then all medications that treat erectile dysfunction — Viagra, Levitra, Staxyn, Cialis, Stendra — should have their FDA approval overturned as well, since they are 10 times more deadly.

Mifepristone is also used to treat conditions such as miscarriages and cancers. If women die as a result of being denied access to this drug, I would expect Kacsmaryk and the federal government to be sued over wrongful deaths.

— Robert Priban, Crest Hill

Find ways to ease congestion

Letter writer Dave Hartney ("Kennedy's soul-killing traffic," April 15) and the Tribune Editorial Board ("Kennedy construction is working against city's recovery," April 19) each deserve our thanks for pointing out the lack of intergovernmental coordination and forethought in scheduling the three-year Kennedy Expressway work on the heels of the COVID-19 lockdowns and the 10-year Byrne Interchange mayhem that resulted in economic suppression.

Responsibility for the lack of leadership lies with the state of Illinois and Gov. J.B. Pritzker.

Illinois' economy is struggling to compete for business. Illinois businesses are struggling to bring employees back to the office and are competing for workers, not to mention fighting the general perception that Chicago is unsafe.

There was a time of active public-private coordination and initiative. Such work, common in the 1980s and '90s, took a great amount of effort and offered great benefits to society.

Businesses' general perception now seems to be that too little time and effort are being spent on ways to build and support private sector business and that government officials are spending too much time focusing on the public sector, particularly unionization. Businesses have been leaving metro Chicago. Government's perception seems to be that businesses are unfair to workers and must be regulated.

There seems to be a general lack of coordination between two groups so vital to the long-term economic health of Illinois. Finding ways to relieve traffic congestion and smooth a transition back to work could be a good start.

— Brian Lantz, Oak Park

Ending theater subscriptions

After negotiating the drive into the city via the Kennedy Expressway for the past few weeks, I must tell you that my wife and I have made the decision not to renew some of our theater subscriptions that we've held for 15 years or more. The time and stress are no longer worth the enjoyment we once found coming to the city. We vowed when we moved to the suburbs to never to give up the city delights, but this has done us in.

I also volunteer at one of the museums on the Museum Campus and now have had second thoughts about how often that will be viable. Frankly, I expected to see and hear more hue and cry from the entertainment and business communities. Perhaps they didn't realize the magnitude of the hassle involved now in traveling from the north and northwest sections of the Chicago area. It's a shame.

— Tom Pawlik, North Barrington

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Former Fox host Tucker Carlson speaks at an event for conservative group Turning Point USA in December. **BRIAN CAHN/ZUMA**

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be called to testify.

Carlson was also recently named in a lawsuit by Abby Grossberg, a former Fox producer, who said the show had a cruel and misogynistic workplace and that she had been pressured to give misleading testimony in the Dominion case.

Fox has called the lawsuit "baseless."

Lemon's removal from CNN came after his short and disastrous run as a morning show host, a little over two months after he apologized for on-air comments about Republican presidential candidate Nikki Haley being past her prime.

The move quickly turned nasty. While CNN Chairman and CEO Chris Licht announced, after Lemon had co-hosted the show Monday, that they had "parted ways," Lemon characterized it as a firing and said it was surprise to him.

"After 17 years at CNN I would have thought someone in management would have the decency to tell me directly," Lemon said. CNN said that Lemon was given the opportunity to meet with management but released a statement on Twitter instead.

CNN offered no public explanation for Lemon's dismissal. During a February discussion on "CNN This Morning" with co-hosts Poppy Harlow and Kaitlan Collins about the ages of politicians, he said that the 51-year-old Haley was not "in her prime." A woman, he said, was considered in her prime "in her 20s, 30s and maybe her 40s."

Harlow challenged Lemon, trying to clarify what he was referencing:

Lemon

"I think we need to qualify. Are you talking about prime for childbearing or are you talking about prime for being president?"

"Don't shoot the messenger, I'm just saying what the facts are," Lemon responded.

Lemon issued a statement the same day saying he regretted his "inartful and irrelevant" comments. He was subsequently absent from the show for three days, returning the next week with a tweeted apology but no mention of the episode on air.

Haley, who had criticized Lemon's statements as sexist and used the incident to fundraise in February, took to Twitter on Monday to call Lemon's ouster "a great day for women everywhere."

Carlson, who joined Fox in 2009 and worked at both CNN and MSNBC earlier in his career, ditched his bow-tie look and quickly became Fox's most popular personality after replacing Bill O'Reilly in the network's prime-time lineup in 2017.

His populist tone about elites out to get average Americans rang true with Fox's predominantly conservative audience, even leading to talk about him becoming a political candidate himself one day.

He did not immediately return a message seeking comment Monday.

Earlier this year, House Speaker Kevin McCarthy gave Carlson exclusive access to security tapes from the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot, which the show used to conclude "the footage does not show an insurrection or riot in progress." His interpretation was denounced by many, including Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell.

Carlson had been expected to be among the first witnesses called if Dominion's case had gone to trial, but the two parties settled April 18, the same day that opening statements were expected.

Dominion had contended that some Fox programs had falsely aired allegations that the company had rigged the election against President Donald Trump, even though several Fox executives and personalities didn't believe them. Carlson's show was not among them; he'd be an unlikely candidate to take the fall for that lawsuit.

In several messages, though, Carlson spoke candidly about his distaste for Trump at the time and his fear that the network was losing viewers among the former president's fans.

He was also quoted using profane language to describe Sidney Powell, the Trump supporter and conservative attorney who was given airtime on other Fox shows to spread lies about Dominion, and called her a "psychopath."

On his show, Carlson also has been outspoken in questioning the United States support of Ukraine, following its invasion by Russian forces.

"Fox News Tonight" will air in Carlson's 8 p.m. Eastern prime-time slot, hosted by a rotating array of network personalities, for the time being.

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ON APRIL 25 ...

In 1792, highwayman Nicolas Jacques Pelletier became the first person under French law to be executed by the guillotine.

In 1859 ground was broken for the Suez Canal.

In 1874 radio pioneer Guglielmo Marconi was born in Bologna, Italy.

In 1898 the United States formally declared war on Spain.

In 1901 New York became the first state to require automobile license plates; the fee was $1.

In 1915, during World War I, Allied soldiers invaded the Gallipoli Peninsula in an unsuccessful attempt to take the Ottoman Turkish Empire out of the war.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. and Soviet forces linked up on the Elbe River, a meeting that dramatized the collapse of Nazi Germany's defenses. Also in 1945 delegates from some 50 countries met in San Francisco to organize the United Nations.

In 1959 the St. Lawrence Seaway opened to shipping.

In 1983 Soviet leader Yuri Andropov invited Samantha Smith to visit his country after receiving a letter in which the Manchester, Maine, schoolgirl expressed fears about nuclear war. Also in 1983 the Pioneer 10 spacecraft crossed Pluto's orbit, speeding on its endless voyage through the Milky Way.

In 1988, to the cheers of spectators, a judge in Jerusalem sentenced John Demjanjuk to death after the retired Ohio autoworker was convicted of being "Ivan the Terrible," a Nazi death camp guard who had killed tens of thousands of people. (Demjanjuk's conviction was later overturned.)

In 1990 Violeta Barrios de Chamorro was inaugurated as president of Nicaragua, ending 11 years of leftist Sandinista rule. Also in 1990 the Hubble Space Telescope was deployed from the space shuttle Discovery.

In 1992 Islamic forces in Afghanistan took control of most of the capital of Kabul following the collapse of the Communist government.

In 1993 hundreds of thousands of gay rights activists and their supporters marched in Washington, demanding equal rights and freedom from discrimination. Also in 1993 voters in Russia participated in a referendum, giving President Boris Yeltsin a vote of confidence.

In 1996, a day after the PLO annulled clauses calling for Israel's destruction, Israel's governing Labor Party abandoned its long-standing opposition to a Palestinian state.

In 1997 a federal judge ruled for the first time that the Food and Drug Administration can regulate tobacco as a drug, but said it couldn't restrict cigarette advertising.

In 2000 assailants shot and killed Zika Petrovic, an ally of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

In 2001 a rescue plane flew out of the South Pole with ailing American doctor Ronald S. Shemenski in the most daring airlift ever from the pole.

In 2002 the House voted 405-9 to abolish the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Also in 2002 Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes, the effervescent, sometimes volatile member of the Grammy-winning trio TLC, died in a car crash in Honduras; she was 30.

In 2003 Georgia lawmakers voted to scrap the Dixie cross from the state's flag.

In 2004 cosmetics queen Estee Lauder died in New York; she was 97.

In 2005 the CIA's top weapons hunter in Iraq, Charles Duelfer, said his search for weapons of mass destruction had been "exhausted" without finding any.

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Blaszczak, Helen A.

Helen A. Blaszczak, nee Kilarski; Beloved wife of the late Ted Blaszczak; Loving mother of Todd (Sara) Blaszczak, Darlene Blaszczak and the late Joyce Hundhausen; Dearest grandomother of Heather Hundhausen, Thad Blaszczak, Valerie (Dustin) Dees and Steven (Elizabeth) Blaszczak; Step-grandmother of Enver Thorburn; Great-grandmother of 3; Dear sister of the late Florence (the late Chuck) Petkunas; Fond aunt of Chuck (Heather) Petkunas; Dearest friend of Jane and Vida. Visitation Wednesday, April 26th from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, April 27th from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Lack and Sons Funeral Home, 9236 S. Roberts Road, Hickory Hills. Funeral service Friday, April 28th at 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home to St. Patricia Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Information 708-430-5700 or www.lackfuneralhome.com.

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Cescato, Loretta

Loretta Cescato, nee Szarek, age 83. Beloved wife of the late Harry; loving mother of Cheryl Cescato; cherished sister of Sandy (Edwin) Beck, Walter (Donna) Szarek, John (Susan) Szarek, and the late Carol Rozhon; also many nieces, nephews, great – nieces, and great – nephews. Visitation Thursday April 27, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral service 12 Noon at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien. Private Interment will be held at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital would be appreciated. For information (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Feingold, Macey G.

Macey G. Feingold, age 97. Beloved husband of the late Hélène Sultana Feingold; cherished father of Dr. Daniel and Richard Feingold; loving grandfather of Noah and Ethan; dear brother of the late David (the late Batia) Feingold and brother-in-law of Jacques Beynes and the late Margot Benlolo; fond former father-in-law of Lauri Alpern. Navy veteran of WWII. Graveside service Wednesday April 26th, 11 a.m., at Ridgelawn Cemetery, 5736 N. Pulaski Rd., Chicago. The funeral can be viewed on Macey's webpage on www.mitzvahfunerals.com contributions to Anshe Emet Synagogue-Rabbi Siegel's Discretionary Fund www.ansheemet.org appreciated. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH 630-648-9824

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Fontana, David

David Fontana of Highland Park, IL born July 22, 1953, passed away suddenly on April 21, 2023, at the age of 69. Beloved son of Stella Fontana and the late Bruno Fontana. The cherished eldest brother of Vic Fontana (Jean), Luana Cioni (John), Joanne Piacenza (Al), Annette Nault (Glen), Richard Fontana (the late Kristine), and Stephanie Hayes. Dearest nephew to Zia Agnese Piacenza (Enrico), the late Zia Maria and Zio Domenico Piacenza, the late Marshall (Maria) Picchietti. Adored "Uncle Bubba" to Michael and Molly Cioni, Marco Piacenza, Anne and Ben Holland, Jeff and Kara Nault, Michelle and Matt Scott, Robby Nault, Rachel Nault, Marla, Jillian, Nick Fontana, and many great nieces and nephews that brought him continuous joy who he took most pride in as if they were his own. David enjoyed his morning coffee with great friends, playing poker, golf, fishing, and spending time working in his garden that he shared with family, friends neighbors, and others. He will be truly missed by all those that were fortunate enough to know him. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, from 8:30 am until 10:30 am at **Kelley and Spalding Funeral Home**, 1787 Deerfield Rd, Highland Park, IL 60035. A funeral mass will follow at 11:00 am at St. James Church, 134 North Avenue, Highwood, IL 60040. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Heart Association or a charity of your choice. For info or directions please contact Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com

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Gutzke, Mark E.

Mark E. Gutzke died on April 21, 2023 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital from pancreatic cancer. Mark earned a degree in architecture from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Mark was a very gifted and exacting woodworker and carpenter and he used his architectural and woodworking skills professionally to perform residential rehab and personally on his and his wife Jennifer's beautiful home in Little Italy. Mark was a proud Chicagoan through and through. He was an ever loyal and long suffering fan of the Chicago Fire and the Chicago Bears; often enjoying tailgate parties with friends that were more fun than the games. Mark was also an avid bicyclist and motorcyclist. He and his wife Jennifer blended his love of soccer and cycling by taking a number of biking and cycling trips through Europe, visiting his family in Germany, and following the U.S. World Cup soccer team. Mark loved cycling through the European mountains and was especially proud of scaling Mount Ventoux in a decent time. He also thoroughly enjoyed cycling on Chicago's Lakefront Trail and then riding north to Wisconsin or south to Indiana with his pack of cycling friends no matter the weather. Mark is survived by his wife of 38 years Jennifer, his father Rik and stepmother Zacki, his brother Dirk and his wife Peggy, his brother Rik and his wife Diane, and a number of very dear brother and sister in laws and nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, Jennifer asks that donations be made in Mark's memory to the Pancreatic Action Network at http://pancan.org. A memorial gathering will be planned for a later time. Arrangements entrusted to **Caring Cremations of Chicago, IL**.

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Ill, Andrew W.

Andrew W. Ill, 63, of Arlington Heights. Beloved husband of Karen (nee Pacific) Ill; loving father of Leah (Joseph) Sorensen, Benjamin (Dayna) Ill, Elizabeth (Kenneth) Porter; cherished grandpa of Matilda and Andrew; fond brother of Kurt Ill, Anthony (Kim) Ill, Joy (Dan) Ives, Theodore (Lori) Ill and the late Alfred Bernard Ill, III. Visitation: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at **Glueckert Funeral Home**, 1520 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Celebration of life: 11:00 AM, Thursday, April 27, 2023 at Thrive Vineyard Church, 845 E. Glencoe Street, Palatine. Interment Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Northwestern Memorial Hospital, 250 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

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Kipp, Jeanne P.

Jeanne P. Kipp (née Petracek), age 87, of Western Springs, IL. Beloved wife of the late James R. Kipp. Loving mother of James R. (Susan Paul) Kipp Jr. of Dallas, TX; Mark A. (Kathy Baney-Kipp) Kipp of Noblesville, IN; and Robert A. (Jingjing Liu) Kipp of Hinsdale, IL. Proud grandmother of Stephen, Meredith, Andrew, Michael, Adam, Julia, Kirk Baney, Erik Baney & Kelsey Baney. Cherished aunt and friend of many. Jeanne was preceded in death by her parents, Arnold and Elsie Petracek. Jeanne loved teaching. After graduating from DePauw University (1957), she taught for several years within the Proviso High School system. While raising a family in the early '70s, she extended her teaching portfolio by becoming a yoga instructor. When her boys grew into high school and college ages, she started teaching math at The Avery Coonley School in Downers Grove, a career that would continue for over 20 years. She had a creative approach to her classroom, using origami and other crafts to teach geometry concepts. She also coached the MATHCOUNTS team, leading the school to two national competitions and one second-place finish. Jeanne was always busy in her community, serving on the boards of the Western Springs Music Club, the local women's club, and school association and board. An avid reader and news buff, she loved participating in her current events discussion group. She regularly attended musical performances and plays in the area and actively supported her Alpha Chi Omega sorority chapter. When she wasn't out socializing, she could be found at home with a book or the daily crossword puzzle. A memorial visitation will be held 11am until time of service at 2pm on Saturday, April 29th at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to donate are encouraged to contact Hillsdale College (hillsdale.edu). Service Info: 708-352-6500 or HJFunerals.com

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Linsner, Patrick

Patrick "Monk" Linsner, age 61, of Itasca, Illinois passed away on April 22, 2023 at home, surrounded by his loving family. Beloved husband of Kathy nee Bergfalk; Loving father of Ryan (Jennie), Kaitlyn and Kyle (Cami); Proud Papa of Maeve, Eloise and George; Dear brother of Peter, Michael (Donna), Mary, Matthew and Peggy (Terry) Reilly; Devoted son of the late George and Beverly nee Waytula. He is survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. Pat will be most remembered by his unwavering love for his family and friends, his ability to light up a room with good humor and unbeatable dance moves and his steadfast hope and endurance through all of life's challenges. He cherished his moments of coaching and mentoring many over the years. And let's not forget his passion for golfing, fishing, leaf blowing and music. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Colorectal Cancer Alliance would be greatly appreciated. Visitation Wednesday, April 26, 3:00 - 8:00 PM and Thursday, April 27, 8:00 AM until time of funeral 9:30 AM at **The Oaks Funeral Home** 1201 E. Irving Park Road (at Prospect), Itasca to Saint Peter the Apostle Church. Funeral Mass 10:00 A.M. For funeral info: 630-250-8588 or www.oaksfh.com

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Mell, Robert Melvin

Robert Melvin Mell, 89, beloved husband and best friend of Sandra, nee Newfield, for 60 wonderful years; loving father of Deborah Copley, Cheryl Mell and Laura Mell (Arthur Dolinsky); cherished Poppa of Jacob, Molly, Lillian and Sophie Copley, Jonah and Lev Dolinsky; devoted son of the late Clare and Joseph Mell; dear brother of the late Richard (the late Anne) Mell and brother-in-law of Rose Ann (the late Mike) Abrams, Melvin (Jane) Newfield and Jacqueline Newfield (the late Jim Seefeld); treasured uncle, cousin and friend of many. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Ark at www.arkchicago.org. Chapel service Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 12:00 PM at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. For the link to virtually view the service, shiva information and to leave condolences, www.shalommemorial.org and (847) 255-3520.

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Morgan, James T.

Age 79; Devoted husband of Kathleen, nee Callahan; Loving father of James (Erica) Morgan Jr., Colleen (John) Svelnis, Margaret Morgan, Meghan (James) O'Kelley and Mary Morgan (Paul Robinson); Proud grandfather of Julie, Katie, Ryan, Michael and Amy Morgan, Danny, JJ, Marty and Morgan Svelnis, Kevin, Patrick and Jane O'Kelley; Adored son of the late Michael and Marie Morgan; Cherished brother of the late Michael and Jack; Dear uncle, cousin, and friend to many; Visitation Wednesday, 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Funeral Thursday, 9:00 a.m. from Curley Funeral Home, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Patricia Catholic Church, 9050 S. 86th Ave., Hickory Hills; Mass 10:00 a.m.; Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; In lieu of flowers, donations in Jim's name to the Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated; For Funeral info, (708) 422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Morris, James John 'Jim'

James John "Jim" Morris. Loving husband of Geri nee Kahn. Devoted father of Brett M. Morris and Holly (Vanessa Slack) Morris. Dear brother of Donald (Myong-Ae) Morris and the late Marrisa Karasz. Long time owner of Taglinejim in Evanston. Service Tuesday 11AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd. (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Felines & Canines, P.O. Box 60616, Chicago, Illinois 60660 www.felinescanines.org. To attend the funeral live stream, please visit our website. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Nagou-Panagiotaros, Georgia

Georgia Nagou-Panagiotaros, 62, of DeKalb, Illinois, passed away Sunday, April 23, 2023, at her home. She was born January 29, 1961, in Kakouri, Greece, the daughter of Konstantinos and Aggeliki (Tsagalaki) Nagou. Georgia married George D. Panagiotaros on April 20, 1980, at St. Nicholas Church in Oak Lawn. She is survived by her son, Dimitrios (Gina Gianakopoulos) Panagiotaros and daughter, Katerina (Georgios) Lois; grandson, Nikolaos Nektarios; siblings, Maria (Dimitrios) Kiriazis, and Athanasia (Takis) Hatzitheodorou both of Greece; her brother-in-law, Angelo (Maria) Panagiotaros; sister-in-law, Panagiota (Kostas) Vrinios; Several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband George; her parents; brother, Dimitrios Nagos. Georgia loved spending time with her friends and family, especially her pride and joy, grandson Niko who was the light of her life . She enjoyed volunteering at her church. She took pride in her cooking and baking and everyone looked forward to tasting her delicious dishes. The Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at St George Greek Orthodox Church, 320 South Second Street, DeKalb, with Fr. Nicholas Jonas celebrating. Burial will follow at Fairview Park Cemetery in DeKalb. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services at the church. Arrangements by **Anderson Funeral Home, DeKalb, IL**. For information, visit www.AndersonFuneralHomeLtd.com or call 815-756-1022.

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O'Leary, Dolores Therese

Dolores T. O'Leary, 93, was welcomed into eternity by God on April 22nd, 2023. Dolores was reunited with her late husband of nearly 73 years, Cornelius "Neal" O'Leary, a mere 8 weeks after his passing. Dolores was the loving mother of Patricia (George) Hovany, Daniel, the late Catherine, Mary (Timothy) Korbus, James (Eleanor Nadbielny) and David. She was the proud grandmother of Matthew (Katherine) Hovany, Kathryn Hovany, Megan (Blaine Baker) Hovany, Christine (Kevin) McCusker, Steve (Rachel) Korbus, Heather (Paul Day) O'Leary and Rachel (Zach Kroeger) O'Leary. Dolores also was the fond great-grandmother of Carrie and Shannon McCusker, Alex and Ryan Hovany, and Cooper and Charlotte Korbus. Dolores is also survived by her sister June Hoffman (Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary) and was predeceased by her brothers Jack and George Hoffman and sisters Anne Marie Alberts and Janet Kordas.
Dolores attended St. Gall grammar school and St. Casimir/Maria high school in Chicago. Early on, she worked several occupations including telephone operator and bank teller before devoting the rest of her life to the service of her husband and family.
In lieu of flowers please send a donation in memory of Dolores O'Leary to the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary at 2041 W. State Route 113 Kankakee IL 60901.
Visitation Tuesday, from 3-8 p.m. at **Markiewicz Funeral Home, P.C.**, 108 E. Illinois St., Lemont. Funeral services and interment will be private.
Info: 630-257-6363 or www.markiewiczfh.com

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Skelding, Conor Deighan

Conor Deighan Skelding, 31, died April 21, 2023, of a rare and aggressive form of pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his wife, Lizzy Cady Skelding (née Trelstad), his parents, Karen Deighan and David Skelding, his brothers Cameron Skelding (Joanna Keen Skelding), Owen Skelding, Aidan Skelding (fiancée Caroline Hurley) and his beloved niece and Goddaughter, Luciana Skelding. Also surviving are his maternal grandmother, June Deighan, aunts and uncles, Marti Roth Deighan, Kathleen Deighan (Michael Blankshain), Chris Deighan (Nancy Jones Deighan) and Jennifer Deighan (Don Knapp Jr.), as well as 12 cousins. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Thomas E. Deighan, his paternal grandparents, Lorraine (Luongo) and Laurence S. Skelding, and a maternal uncle, Thomas M. Deighan. Conor was a 2010 graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep where he launched the family's interest in the sport of rowing. He graduated from Columbia University in the City of New York with majors in English and American Studies. While at Columbia, he served as editor-in-chief of The Blue and White and was a COÖP leader. Conor began his career in journalism at Politico New York. He then joined Reorg where he covered distressed debt. Most recently, he was a Sunday News Reporter for the New York Post. He was well-liked by fellow members of The Inner Circle. Conor made and maintained deep friendships with many from all walks of life and across the country. Unlike most his age, he preferred a phone call to a text, and was apt to send handwritten notes and letters. Conor relished a vigorous intellectual debate on just about any topic. He was a voracious and eclectic reader, as well as an experienced cyclist. Most of all, Conor loved God, Lizzy, and his family. He held a special affection for Luciana, whom he had begun to form in the permanent things. His faith and his strength, in the face of serious illness, were an inspiration to many. Visitation will be held at St. John Cantius Church, 825 N. Carpenter St., Chicago, IL from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2023. Funeral Mass on Friday, April 28, 2023 at St. John Cantius Church at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Canons Regular of St. John Cantius, 1025 W. Fry St., Chicago, IL 60642, www.canons-regular.org. For information please call 312-421-0936 or www.michalikfuneralhome.com.

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Suzara, Mary Lou

Mary Lou Suzara, née Zambrano, age 81, of Morton Grove. Beloved wife of the late Fernando S., Jr.; dear mother of Fernando IV, Dr. Dennis, Marsha (Byrone) Suzara-Palacio, and Margo; loving grandmother of Kaden, Dillon, Gemma, Bryson, Synjin, Oryn, and Amarah; fond sister of Mary Dette (Bernardo) Verdaguer, Rose Mary (the late Lito) Monta, Arthur (Mila) Zambrano, Agnes (Alex) Maramba, Hegel Zambrano, Ray (Thelma) Zambrano, Manuel (Edel) Zambrano, Hilda Pasia, and Leo (Marites) Zambrano. Visitation, Thursday, April 27, 2023, from 3 to 8 p.m., at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Family & friends to meet for Mass of Christian Burial, Saturday, April 29, at 10 a.m., at St. Peter Church of Ss. Peter & Lambert Catholic Parish, 8100 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Urn Interment, Maryhill Catholic Cemetery, Niles. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook and to leave a condolence message.

HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory

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Tindale, Ronald 'Ron'

Ronald (Ron) Tindale (1953 – 2023) passed away quietly on April 19th at the Agrace Center Hospice Care facility in Janesville, WI. Ron was born in Waukegan, IL, the eldest son of Kenneth and Betty Tindale. He attended North School, Webster Jr. High School, and Waukegan Township High School, before obtaining his bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University in English. He later earned an associate degree in computer science and worked in the IT field at Baxter Healthcare, Allstate Insurance, and as a private contractor until his retirement. Although his career was in IT, his passion was music. He received a guitar for Christmas at age 13 and seldom put it down thereafter. Those who knew him in Waukegan may remember his band Liberation, and his DeKalb friends probably remember hearing Amber Rose at the Shamrock a time or two. He continued to play, listen, and learn about music his entire life. He is survived by his loving wife Tracy, his sons Eric and Matt, his siblings Janine Campbell (Tommy) and Scott (Jeanne Tubman), and his niece Jaime Campbell and nephews Brandon and Stephen Campbell. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Ron's memory to Agrace Center for Hospice and Palliative Care (Agrace.org) or the Pancreas Foundation (Pancreasfoundation.org).

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Veis, Dr. Arthur

Dr. Arthur Veis, age 97. Beloved husband for 61 years of the late Eve M. Veis (nee Zenner). Loving father of Dr. Judith (Prof. Andrew Gavil) Veis, Sharon (Marc Blumenthal) Veis, and Dr. Deborah Veis. Proud grandfather of Justin, Noah, and Zoe Gavil, Brian (Lisa) Blumenband and Rabbi Sara Blumenthal, and Joshua and Benjamin Novack. Professor Emeritus, Northwestern University. Service Tuesday, 1:00 PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals** Skokie Chapel, 8851 Skokie Blvd. (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Greater Chicago Food Depository, 4100 W. Ann Lurie Place, Chicago IL 60632, www.chicagosfoodbank.org or to the Eve and Arthur Veis, PhD Scholarship Fund at Northwestern's Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University, Attn: Gift and Record Services, 1201 Davis Street, Evanston, IL 60208, https://giving.northwestern.edu/ArtVeis. To attend the funeral live stream, please visit our website. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Wachtenheim, Dr. Seymour 'Sy'

Dr. Seymour "Sy" Wachtenheim, 95, beloved husband of the late Mary (Winer) Wachtenheim, loving father of Judy (Joel Bookman) Wachtenheim and Dan (the late Linda) Wachtenheim, grandfather of Julie (Tim) Entwistle and great grandfather of Jemma and Jude Entwistle. Preceded in death by sister Ruth Chausow. Fond uncle and friend to many. Dr. Wachtenheim was a proud veteran serving his country in the Korean War. He was a dentist in private practice for over 40 years. After his retirement, he led the Illinois continuing education program for the Academy of General Dentistry for over two decades. Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. IL, Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Greater Chicago Food Depository (www.chicagosfoodbank.org) appreciated. For funeral information, please call 847-256-5700.

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Application Filing Period: April 21, 2023 through May 5, 2023. **Examination Date:** May 24-25, 2023. **Location:** MWRD Main Office Building Annex, 111 East Erie Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Assistant Chief Operating Engineer practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under general supervision, supervises and participates in the operation and maintenance of treatment plant or pumping station equipment within a sewage treatment plant complex. **Salary:** $97,826.30 per year

Associate Electrical Engineer (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: April 21, 2023 through May 5, 2023. **Examination Date:** June 3, 2023. **Location:** Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Associate Electrical Engineer practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under general supervision, performs ordinary electrical engineering work in connection with electrical design, construction, maintenance, and operations. **Salary:** $88,148.32 per year

Plumber (Original)

Application Filing Period: April 21, 2023 through May 5, 2023. **Examination Date:** June 3, 2023. **Location:** Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Plumber practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under supervision, performs skilled manual work in connection with the installation, alteration, maintenance and repair of water, waste, sewage, and drainage pipes, plumbing fixtures and accessories. **Salary:** $54.80 per hour

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TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Co., as Successor Trustee to American National Bank and Trust Co., u/t/a 12475703 10 S. LaSalle St., - Suite 2750 Chicago, IL 60624 Chicago Title Land Trust Co., as Successor Trustee to American National Bank and Trust Co., u/t/a 12475703 3124 W. Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60612 Roosevelt Towers 3500 W. Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60624 Roosevelt Towers 3124 W. Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60612 Troy Townhouse Associates - Dissolved Limited Partnership c/o Cecil Carter Butler 3500 W. Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60624 Troy Townhouse Associates - Dissolved Limited Partnership c/o Cecil Carter Butler 1130 S. Troy St. - Apt. D Chicago, IL 60612 Cecil Carter Butler 1103 Autumn Dr. Crystal Lake, IL 60014 Cecil Carter Butler 3124 W. Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60612 Cecil Carter Butler 3001 S. King Dr. - Apt. 1511 Chicago, IL 60616 Troy Townhouse Associates - Dissolved Limited Partnership c/o Secretary of State – Business Services 69 W. Washington St. - #1240 Chicago, IL 60602 Troy Townhouse Associates - Dissolved Limited Partnership c/o Secretary of State – Business Services 3124 W. Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60612 Ada Real Estate, LLC c/o Judd Harris 933 W. VanBuren - Ste. 304 Chicago, IL 60607 Ada Real Estate, LLC c/o Haney Khalil 5150 W. Chicago Ave. Chicago, IL 60651 City of Chicago c/o City Clerk 121 N. LaSalle Street - Room 107 Chicago, IL 60602 City of Chicago c/o Corporate Counsel 121 N. LaSalle Street - Room 600 Chicago, IL 60602 County Clerk of COOK County, Illinois 118 N. Clark Street - Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000170 FILED: March 24, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of COOK Date Premises Sold May 17, 2022 Certificate No. 19-0005324 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3124 W ROOSEVELT RD., CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-13-325-036-0000, Volume 558 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on September 20, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before September 20, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, IL 60602 on October 18, 2023 at 9:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before September 20, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of COOK County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark St., Ste. 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 FINDING JUSTICE A FLOWER AND VEGETABLE GARDEN, LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated March 24, 2023
4/25, 4/26, 4/27/20237417741

TO: Loma Acquisitions Incorporated 4006 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60624 Loma Acquisitions Incorporated c/o Louis M. Giordano 10 E. Ontario St. - Ste 3205 Chicago, IL 60611 Loma Acquisitions Incorporated 10 E. Ontario St. - Ste 3205 Chicago, IL 60611 Loma Acquisitions Incorporated c/o Illinois Secretary of State Business Services 69 W. Washington St. - #1240 Chicago, IL 60602 Unknown Occupants 4006 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60624 Unknown Occupants 4008 W. Jackson Blvd. - Unit 1 Chicago, IL 60624 Unknown Occupants 4008 W. Jackson Blvd. - Unit 2 Chicago, IL 60624 Select Funding, LLC 900 Skokie - #127 Northbrook, IL 60062 Select Funding, LLC c/o David Goldberg 900 Skokie - #127 Northbrook, IL 60062 Select Funding, LLC c/o Keith Morton 18 Country Ln. Northfield, IL 60093 Select Funding, LLC c/o David Goldberg 201 Apple Tree Rd. Winnetka, IL 60093 City of Chicago c/o City Clerk 121 N. LaSalle Street - Room 107 Chicago, IL 60602 City of Chicago c/o Corporate Counsel 121 N. LaSalle Street - Room 600 Chicago, IL 60602 State of Illinois c/o Attorney General 100 W. Randolph St. – 7th Floor Chicago, IL 60601 State of Illinois Department of Revenue 100 W. Randolph St. - 12th Floor Chicago, IL 60601 County Clerk of COOK County, Illinois 118 N. Clark Street - Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000182 FILED: April 6, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of COOK Date Premises Sold May 17, 2022 Certificate No. 19-0005394 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4006 W JACKSON BLVD CHICAGO, IL 60624 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-15-215-042-0000, Volume 562 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 4, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 4, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, IL 60602 on November 1, 2023 at 9:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 4, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of COOK County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark St., Ste. 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 THOMAS D HUGGETT Purchaser or Assignee Dated April 6, 2023
4/25, 4/26, 4/27/20237417740

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TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Co., as Successor Trustee to American National Bank and Trust Co., u/t/a 12475703 10 S. LaSalle St., - Suite 2750 Chicago, IL 60624 Chicago Title Land Trust Co., as Successor Trustee to American National Bank and Trust Co., u/t/a 12475703 3124 W. Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60612 Roosevelt Towers 3500 W. Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60624 Roosevelt Towers 3124 W. Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60612 Troy Townhouse Associates - Dissolved Limited Partnership 1130 S. Troy St. - Apt. D Chicago, IL 60612 Troy Townhouse Associates - Dissolved Limited Partnership 3124 W. Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60612 Cecil Carter Butler 1103 Autumn Dr. Crystal Lake, IL 60014 Cecil Carter Butler 3124 W. Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60612 Cecil Carter Butler 3001 S. King Dr. - Apt. 1511 Chicago, IL 60616 Troy Townhouse Associates - Dissolved Limited Partnership c/o Secretary of State – Business Services 3124 W. Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60612 Troy Townhouse Associates - Dissolved Limited Partnership c/o Secretary of State – Business Services 69 W. Washington St. - #1240 Chicago, IL 60602 Ada Real Estate, LLC c/o Haney Khalil 5150 W. Chicago Ave. Chicago, IL 60607 City of Chicago c/o Corporate Counsel 121 N. LaSalle Street - Room 600 Chicago, IL 60602 City of Chicago c/o City Clerk 121 N. LaSalle Street - Room 107 Chicago, IL 60602 County Clerk of COOK County, Illinois 118 N. Clark Street - Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000171 FILED: March 27, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of COOK Date Premises Sold May 17, 2022 Certificate No. 19-0005325; 19-0005326 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3118-3122 W ROOSEVELT RD., CHICAGO, IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-13-325-037-0000; 16-13-325-038-0000, Volume 558 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on September 20, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before September 20, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on September 27, 2023, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before September 20, 2023, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: April 19, 2023
4/25, 4/26, 4/27/20237420185

TO: Taxpayer of and Jorge Rodriguez; Cook County Land Bank Authority; Occupant;; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000201 FILED April 17, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: November 18, 2022 Certificate No. 20-0008692 Sold for General Taxes of 2020, (2018 1st & 2nd, 2019 1st & 2nd) Sold for Special Assessment of [municipality and special assessment no.] None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 2227 North Keeler Avenue , Chicago, IL 60639 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-27-204-017-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on September 20, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before September 20, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on September 27, 2023, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before September 20, 2023, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: April 20, 2023
4/25, 4/26, 4/27/20237420235

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TO: Duane M. Jones, Frances L. Jones, Duane M. Jones, and Frances L. Jones; City of Chicago - Corporation Counsel, City of Chicago - City Clerk, U.S. Attorney General for the IRS, U.S. Attorney General for the IRS, U.S.A., I.R.S., U.S.A., I.R.S., State of Illinois Department of Revenue, and Attorney General for the State of Illinois Department of Revenue; Occupant;; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000195 FILED April 17, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: May 17, 2022 Certificate No. 19-0005002 Sold for General Taxes of 2019, (2013 1st & 2nd, 2017 1st & 2nd) Sold for Special Assessment of [municipality and special assessment no.] None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 3313 South Giles Avenue, Chicago, IL 60616 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-34-122-007-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on September 20, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before September 20, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on September 27, 2023, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before September 20, 2023, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: April 19, 2023
4/25, 4/26, 4/27/20237420236

TO: John F. Patka c/o Skylark Motel, Frank Patka, Joanne Patka, Unknown Heirs & Devisees for the Estate of Joseph J. Patka, Taxpayer of, John Patka, John Patka, and Joanne Patka; City of Chicago - Corporation Counsel and City of Chicago - City Clerk; Occupant;; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000200 FILED April 17, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: February 23, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0005024 Sold for General Taxes of 2011-2018 Sold for Special Assessment of [municipality and special assessment no.] None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 3716 West 49th Street , Chicago, IL 60632 Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-11-112-029-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on September 20, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before September 20, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on September 27, 2023, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before September 20, 2023, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: April 19, 2023
4/25, 4/26, 4/27/20237420232

TO: Juan C. Rodriguez 4733 S. Paulina St. Chicago, IL 60609 Rita I. Rodriguez 4733 S. Paulina St. Chicago, IL 60609 Juan C. Rodriguez 4624 S. Richmond St. Chicago, IL 60632 Juan C. Rodriguez 11189 Quintana Dr. El Paso, TX 79936 Juan C. Rodriguez 3741 W. 57th Place Chicago, IL 60629 Juan C. Rodriguez 4731 S. Paulina St. Chicago, IL 60609 Juan C. Rodriguez 6224 S. Campbell Ave. Chicago, IL 60629 Rita I. Rodriguez 6224 S. Campbell Ave. Chicago, IL 60629 Rita I. Rodriguez 3741 W. 57th Place Chicago, IL 60629 Rita I. Rodriguez 11189 Quintana Dr. El Paso, TX 79936 Rita I. Rodriguez 4624 S. Richmond St. Chicago, IL 60632 Rita I. Rodriguez 4731 S. Paulina St. Chicago, IL 60609 Unknown Occupants 4731 S. Paulina St. Chicago, IL 60609 Unknown Occupants 4733 S. Paulina St. Chicago, IL 60609 City of Chicago c/o City Clerk 121 N. LaSalle Street - Room 107 Chicago, IL 60602 City of Chicago c/o Corporate Counsel 121 N. LaSalle Street - Room 600 Chicago, IL 60602 U.S. Bank National Association U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee Successor in Interest to Bank of America, National Association as Trustee as Successor by Merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Certificateholders of Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities I LLC, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-HE3, Whose Address is 700 Kansas Lane, MC 8000, Monroe, LA 71203 (866)756-8747, It's Successors or Assigns, (Assignee) 425 Walnut Street Cincinnati, OH 45202 U.S. Bank National Association U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee Successor in Interest to Bank of America, National Association as Trustee as Successor by Merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Certificateholders of Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities I LLC, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-HE3, Whose Address is 700 Kansas Lane, MC 8000, Monroe, LA 71203 (866)756-8747, It's Successors or Assigns, (Assignee). 25 E. Washington Street Chicago, IL 60602 JUAN RODRIGUEZ 4733 S PAULINA CHICAGO, IL 60609 County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois 118 N. Clark Street - Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000153 FILED: March 10, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold February 23, 2022 Certificate No. 21S-0005104 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014-2018 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4733 S PAULINA ST, CHICAGO, IL 60609 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-07-206-019-0000, Volume 416 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on September 11, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before September 11, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Room 1704, in Chicago, Illinois 60602 on October 4, 2023 at 9:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before September 11, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 1704, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 JUAN I. GONZALEZ Purchaser or Assignee Dated March 10, 2023
4/25, 4/26, 4/27/20237417719

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TO: Klein Brothers Real Estate Co., Inc. 9016 Cicero Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Klein Brothers Real Estate Co., Inc. 11434 S. Spalding Ave. Chicago, IL 60655 Anders Hermansen 11434 S. Spalding Ave. Chicago, IL 60655 Colleen Marie Lox 11434 S. Spalding Ave. Chicago, IL 60655 David W. Lox 11434 S. Spalding Ave. Chicago, IL 60655 Kelly J. Lox 11434 S. Spalding Ave. Chicago, IL 60655 Molly C. Lox 11434 S. Spalding Ave. Chicago, IL 60655 David E. Lox 11434 S. Spalding Ave. Chicago, IL 60655 Klein Brothers Real Estate Co., Inc. c/o Secretary of State – Business Services 69 W. Washington St. - #1240 Chicago, IL 60602 County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois 118 N. Clark Street - Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2023COTD000183 FILED: April 6, 2023 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold May 16, 2022 Certificate No. 19-0004160 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 (Incl. 2004-2018) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at A parcel of land approx. 175' by 50', where the northeast corner is a point approx. 125' west of Spaulding Ave. and approx. 319' south of 114th Street (directly west of the property commonly known as 11434 S. Spaulding Ave.) in Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 24-23-215-087-0000, Volume 447 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 4, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays

CHICAGO ACCUWEATHER

Meteorologists Larry Mowry, Cheryl Scott, Jaisol Martinez, Tracy Butler and Greg Dutra

ABC7 Outlook: Mostly cloudy and chilly with showers at times. Cool breeze off the lake. Temperatures in the 40s near the lake to the mid-50s well inland.

	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night
High / Low	44 / 38	46 / 39	60 / 46	58 / 46	56 / 44	53 / 41
	Partly sunny and chilly with a few showers	Mostly sunny and chilly	Milder with clouds and sun	Clouds and sunshine	Cloudy and breezy with a touch of rain	Partly sunny with a shower in spots
POP	85%	0%	5%	15%	80%	55%
Winds	NNE 8-16 mph	NE 7-14 mph	S 8-16 mph	ENE 7-14 mph	ENE 8-16 mph	NW 8-16 mph

CHICAGO FORECAST

Tuesday Conditions

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™	1	2	3	3	2	1	0
RealFeel Temperature®	36	38	41	43	35	33	33

Tuesday Activities

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
Golfing Index	1	1	2	2	0	0	1
Fishing Index	1	1	7	7	0	0	4

The higher the **AccuWeather.com UV Index** number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. **0-2** Low, **3-5** Moderate, **6-7** High, **8-10** Very High, **11+** Extreme. The patented **AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature** is an exclusive index of effective temperature based on eight weather factors. **Golf and Fishing Indexes: 0-2**: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

CHICAGO ALMANAC

Monday Temperatures

O'Hare through 4 p.m.

High	54
Low	36
Normal high	62
Normal low	43
Record high	87 (1990)
Record low	29 (2015)

Local Temperatures

through 6 p.m. Monday

Location	Hi	Lo	Normal Hi	Normal Lo
Aurora	53	29	64	40
Gary	50	32	63	43
Kankakee	55	28	64	42
Lansing	52	30	63	43
Midway	53	35	63	44
Romeoville	54	34	64	43
Valparaiso	51	29	65	43
Waukegan	51	32	59	39

Monday Precipitation

	2023	2022	Normal
Monday*	0.00"	0.41"	0.14"
Month to date	1.56"	3.73"	2.88"
Year to date	11.79"	10.88"	9.29"

*24-hour period ending 4 p.m. Monday

Pollen as of 4/21

Trees	Grass	Weeds	Mold
Moderate	Absent	Absent	Low

Source: National Allergy Bureau

Air Quality Index

Monday's reading: **Good**

Tuesday's forecast: **Good**

Primary pollutant: **Ozone**

Source: AirNow.gov

Sun and Moon

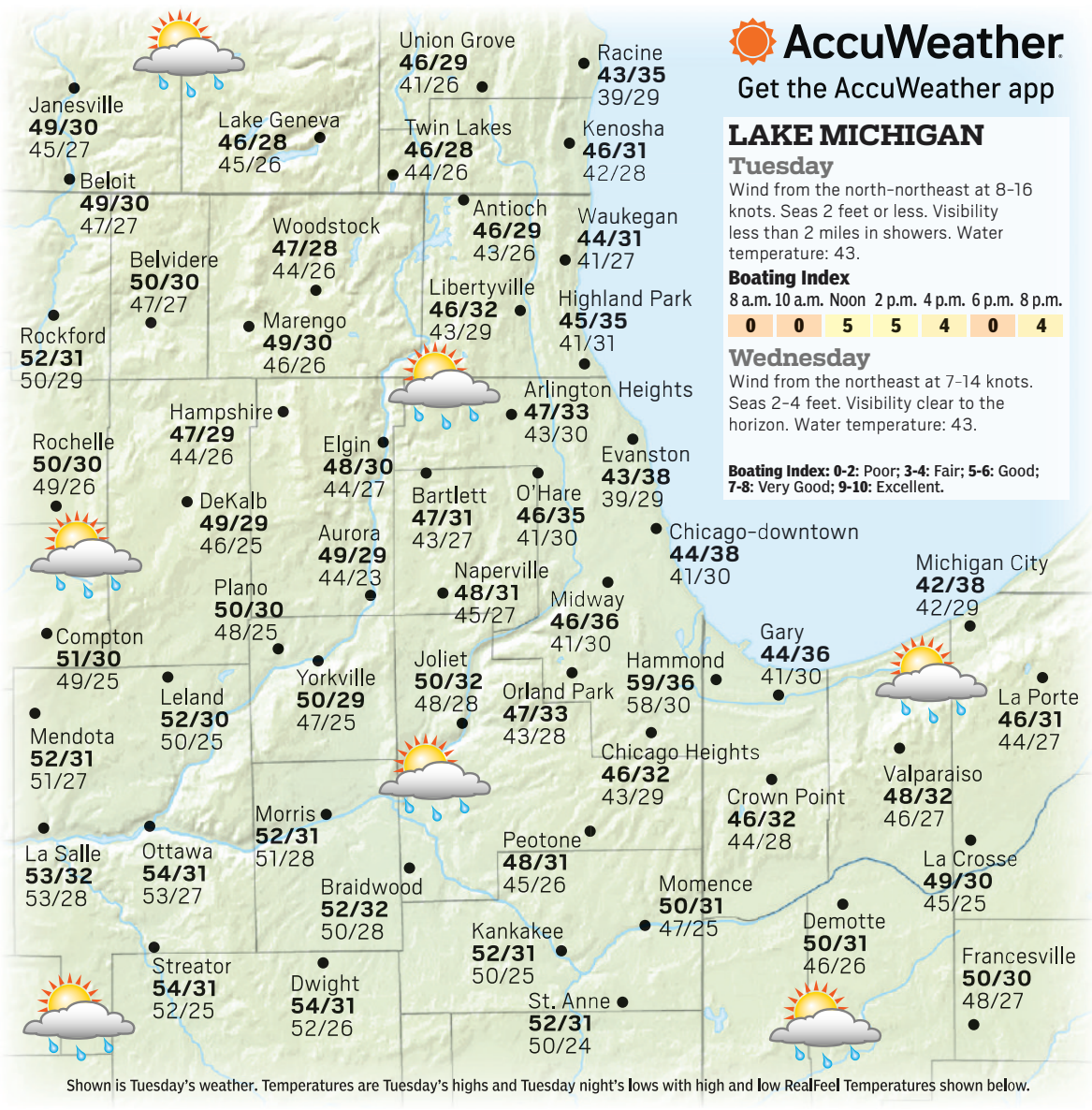
	Tue.	Wed.
Sunrise	5:56 a.m.	5:54 a.m.
Sunset	7:42 p.m.	7:43 p.m.
Moonrise	9:30 a.m.	10:28 a.m.
Moonset	12:58 a.m.	1:46 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Apr 27	May 5	May 12	May 19

Tuesday's Planet Watch

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:10 a.m.	8:36 p.m.
Venus	7:56 a.m.	11:21 p.m.
Mars	10:08 a.m.	1:26 a.m.
Jupiter	5:36 a.m.	6:46 p.m.
Saturn	3:43 a.m.	2:30 p.m.

Best viewing times today: Venus: 8:10 p.m. Mars: 8:10 p.m. Jupiter: not visible Saturn: 5:25 a.m. Mercury: 8:10 p.m.



Shown is Tuesday's weather. Temperatures are Tuesday's highs and Tuesday night's lows with high and low RealFeel Temperatures shown below.

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LAKE MICHIGAN

Tuesday

Wind from the north-northeast at 8-16 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Visibility less than 2 miles in showers. Water temperature: 43.

Boating Index

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
0	0	5	5	4	0	4

Wednesday

Wind from the northeast at 7-14 knots. Seas 2-4 feet. Visibility clear to the horizon. Water temperature: 43.

Boating Index: 0-2: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

Larry Mowry

QUESTION: We had some warm weather a little over a week ago. Where did that weather go?

John – Villa Park

ANSWER: The pattern certainly changed on us. We had four days in a row with highs in the 80s from April 12 through April 15. Cooler air has been the norm since then. We've found ourselves with a dip in the jet stream over the eastern half of the country. This has kept cool temperatures locked into the Midwest. The "cool" pattern looks like it will continue into early May.

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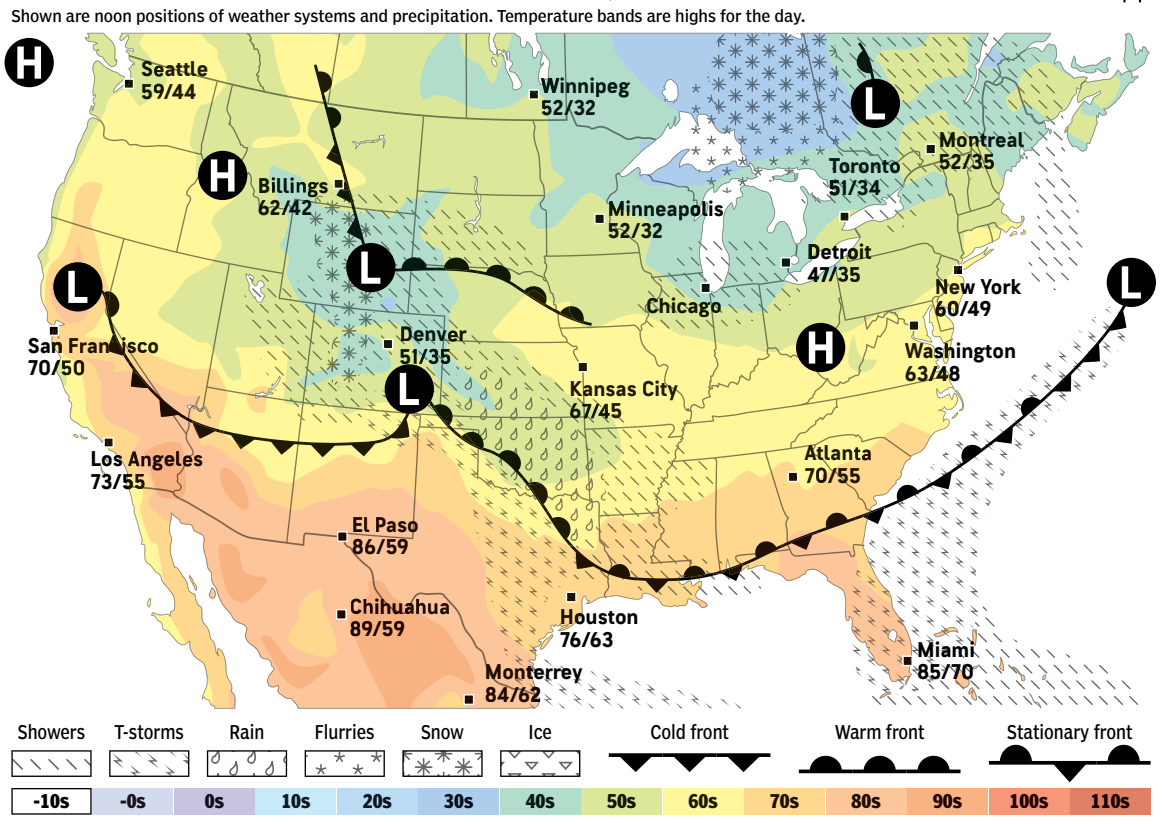

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Illinois		
Carbondale	68/45/pc	67/45/c
Champaign	58/34/sh	60/35/s
Decatur	58/37/sh	61/37/s
Moline	59/33/sh	60/38/s
Peoria	58/33/sh	59/37/s
Quincy	60/40/sh	62/39/s
Rockford	52/31/sh	57/34/pc
Springfield	60/39/sh	61/38/s
Sterling	55/31/sh	58/33/s
Indiana		
Bloomington	61/39/c	63/37/pc
Evansville	68/42/pc	67/44/pc
Fort Wayne	47/33/sh	57/33/pc
Indianapolis	54/36/sh	58/38/pc
Lafayette	56/35/sh	60/36/pc
South Bend	46/30/sh	52/31/s
Wisconsin		
Green Bay	47/32/pc	50/34/pc
Kenosha	46/31/sh	50/32/s
La Crosse	55/31/pc	59/44/s
Madison	48/30/pc	52/36/c
Milwaukee	44/35/sh	45/34/s
Wausau	49/28/pc	51/38/s
Michigan		
Detroit	47/35/sh	53/37/pc
Grand Rapids	47/29/sh	51/31/pc
Marquette	36/26/pc	43/30/pc
Sault Ste. Marie	40/29/sn	40/28/c
Traverse City	46/31/c	46/29/pc
Iowa		
Ames	59/33/pc	62/44/s
Cedar Rapids	56/29/pc	59/37/s
Des Moines	57/36/pc	61/44/pc
Dubuque	52/30/pc	55/37/s

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	74/61/t	79/49/t
Albany, NY	56/37/c	58/37/sh
Albuquerque	69/42/t	66/42/pc
Amarillo	69/47/t	57/38/r
Anchorage	44/32/c	46/33/pc
Asheville	62/43/pc	61/47/sh
Aspen	46/27/r	51/30/sn
Atlanta	70/55/pc	68/55/t
Atlantic City	61/44/s	62/49/pc
Austin	70/63/t	81/59/t
Baltimore	62/44/s	68/49/c
Billings	62/42/c	67/46/pc
Birmingham	72/55/c	69/56/t
Bismarck	55/39/c	60/37/r
Boise	63/40/s	70/46/s
Boston	55/43/sh	55/44/sh
Brownsville	84/71/t	88/75/pc
Buffalo	50/37/pc	50/35/sh
Burlington, VT	54/36/c	56/40/sh
Charleston, SC	73/55/pc	75/60/c
Charleston, WV	62/36/pc	66/37/c
Charlotte	67/48/pc	67/53/c
Chattanooga	68/49/c	59/52/sh
Cheyenne	38/32/r	54/38/c
Cincinnati	59/40/c	60/39/pc
Cleveland	50/37/r	50/34/pc
Colorado Spgs	49/35/r	47/33/sn
Columbia, MO	68/45/c	65/47/pc
Columbia, SC	71/53/pc	74/57/c
Columbus, OH	53/38/c	59/35/pc
Concord	56/39/c	60/40/sh
Corpus Christi	79/71/t	86/68/pc
Dallas	65/58/t	66/55/t
Daytona Beach	76/67/t	78/66/t
Denver	51/35/r	52/38/sn
Duluth	42/25/pc	49/37/s
El Paso	86/59/pc	80/51/s
Fairbanks	39/18/pc	40/21/pc
Fargo	53/31/s	52/35/r
Flagstaff	63/31/pc	63/29/s
Fort Myers	87/67/t	87/69/pc
Fort Smith	57/50/r	56/52/t
Fresno	83/58/s	89/58/s
Grand Junction	53/38/sh	63/40/pc
Great Falls	61/35/c	64/43/pc
Harrisburg	61/43/pc	64/43/sh
Hartford	61/37/pc	61/41/pc
Helena, MT	59/37/c	64/47/pc
Honolulu	83/72/sh	82/71/sh
Houston	76/63/t	81/67/c
Int'l Falls	46/14/pc	52/32/pc
Jackson, MS	75/53/c	80/62/t
Jacksonville	77/61/t	78/61/t
Juneau	48/39/sn	48/41/sh
Kansas City	67/45/sh	67/46/pc
Las Vegas	81/61/s	83/64/s
Lexington	63/39/pc	62/43/c
Lincoln	63/42/c	65/43/pc
Little Rock	61/50/sh	61/52/t
Los Angeles	73/55/pc	79/55/s
Louisville	67/45/c	66/46/pc
Macon	75/53/c	78/58/t
Memphis	67/53/sh	65/55/t
Miami	85/70/t	86/74/t
Minneapolis	52/32/s	58/46/s
Mobile	79/57/c	80/65/t
Montgomery	77/55/c	79/61/t
Nashville	69/48/pc	62/51/sh
New Orleans	79/65/c	80/70/t
New York City	60/49/pc	62/45/pc
Norfolk	61/49/s	67/53/c
Oklahoma City	53/47/r	52/47/r
Omaha	60/41/c	66/46/pc
Orlando	82/65/t	85/67/t
Palm Beach	83/70/t	84/73/t
Palm Springs	95/69/s	96/72/s
Philadelphia	62/44/pc	63/46/pc
Phoenix	92/67/s	90/66/s
Pittsburgh	55/37/pc	54/35/pc
Portland, ME	49/41/r	53/40/sh
Portland, OR	67/44/pc	76/48/s
Providence	59/40/c	61/44/sh
Raleigh	67/45/s	72/54/c
Rapid City	53/35/sh	65/39/c
Reno	68/42/s	74/45/s
Richmond	64/43/s	70/50/c
Rochester	50/36/pc	49/33/sh
Sacramento	87/50/s	87/54/s
St. Louis	69/46/pc	66/48/c
Salem, OR	65/44/s	77/48/s
Salt Lake City	53/38/sh	63/45/s
San Antonio	75/65/t	82/61/c
San Diego	66/59/pc	68/59/pc
San Francisco	70/50/s	76/52/s
San Juan	85/73/pc	86/74/pc
Santa Fe	64/33/t	63/33/r
Savannah	73/57/c	76/61/t
Seattle	59/44/pc	67/46/pc
Shreveport	72/54/c	73/58/t
Sioux Falls	56/34/pc	65/48/s
Spokane	59/40/pc	66/46/s
Syracuse	54/38/pc	49/37/sh
Tallahassee	81/61/pc	83/62/t
Tampa	85/68/c	87/71/c
Topeka	64/45/sh	68/47/pc
Tucson	89/60/s	87/57/s
Tulsa	55/47/r	56/51/r
Washington, DC	63/48/s	67/50/c
Wichita	52/46/r	54/46/c
Wilkes-Barre	59/39/pc	59/38/sh
Yuma	91/65/s	94/62/s

WORLD CITIES

City	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	87/73/pc	87/73/pc
Algiers	82/54/pc	84/54/s
Amsterdam	50/35/sh	51/38/c
Ankara	66/42/pc	67/46/c
Athens	73/59/pc	72/56/t
Auckland	66/60/c	69/56/sh
Baghdad	91/62/s	93/62/s
Bangkok	100/81/t	93/81/t
Barbados	87/76/c	85/77/pc
Barcelona	67/57/pc	69/59/pc
Beijing	69/36/pc	68/47/pc
Beirut	72/57/s	72/59/c
Berlin	50/37/sh	50/37/pc
Bermuda	69/63/sh	72/63/pc
Bogota	65/50/c	67/50/sh
Brussels	51/33/pc	52/38/c
Bucharest	62/46/t	59/45/c
Budapest	63/44/c	59/35/pc
Bueno Aires	69/60/c	73/60/pc
Cairo	86/66/s	90/65/s
Cancun	89/77/pc	88/77/pc
Caracas	88/74/c	89/74/pc
Casablanca	90/57/s	98/60/s
Copenhagen	50/40/sh	51/38/sh
Dublin	50/40/c	48/44/sh
Edmonton	57/30/sh	59/36/sh
Frankfurt	54/35/sh	55/36/c
Geneva	58/38/sh	63/42/c
Guadalajara	88/55/pc	89/52/pc
Havana	87/67/t	90/69/pc
Helsinki	66/42/pc	59/39/r
Hong Kong	75/69/t	77/72/c
Istanbul	69/57/pc	65/53/r
Jerusalem	71/49/s	75/55/s
Johannesburg	77/57/pc	76/57/s
Kabul	73/49/c	71/50/c
Kingston	88/77/pc	87/77/pc
Kyiv	66/46/pc	61/42/t
Lima	79/71/pc	80/70/s
Lisbon	78/55/s	83/59/pc
London	55/39/c	52/45/c
Madrid	83/50/pc	86/51/s
Manila	93/80/s	93/80/pc
Mexico City	83/56/pc	83/55/pc
Monterrey	84/62/pc	87/65/c
Montreal	52/35/c	54/39/sh
Moscow	66/50/c	61/45/r
Munich	48/38/r	53/41/c
Nairobi	75/59/t	76/60/t
Nassau	84/72/t	86/72/t
New Delhi	94/74/pc	98/76/pc
Oslo	41/35/r	46/35/sh
Ottawa	50/31/c	51/33/sh
Panama City	92/69/pc	93/69/pc
Paris	54/41/c	60/45/c
Prague	52/34/sh	51/33/pc
Rio de Janeiro	81/70/s	82/74/pc
Riyadh	94/70/s	89/67/t
Rome	68/50/pc	69/47/pc
Santiago	74/50/pc	76/47/c
Seoul	56/49/r	59/42/s
Singapore	89/78/r	90/79/t
Sofia	62/44/t	58/41/t
Stockholm	51/39/sh	49/31/sh
Sydney	75/57/s	73/59/pc
Taipei	76/63/sh	68/62/sh
Tehran	81/60/t	78/61/t
Tokyo	66/58/c	67/53/r
Toronto	51/34/c	51/33/c
Trinidad	85/75/sh	84/77/t
Vancouver	54/44/pc	56/44/c
Vienna	60/42/t	56/39/pc
Warsaw	53/40/r	51/35/pc
Winnipeg	52/32/c	46/33/r

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Chicago Tribune
BUSINESS

Aurora businesses get lifeline of support

$2.5 million revolving fund aids in economic development

By Steve Lord
Beacon-News

A $2.5 million revolving fund to help local business is at the heart of new blood pumping through Invest Aurora.

The not-for-profit organization, which began as the Seize the Future initiative about 23 years ago, is a public-private partnership designed to help Aurora's business community.

"We've recommitted to our relationship with the city," said Loretta Daly, acting president and CEO of Invest Aurora, recently. "We've made great strides in really coming together as a team."

Daly spoke last week to the Aurora City Council while giving the Invest Aurora annual report.

The organization has long been part of the city's economic development community through four mayoral administrations, but has changed a bit under Mayor Richard Irvin.

Irvin developed the Mayor's Office of Economic Development, taking economic development back into City Hall more, which changed Invest Aurora's role with the city. Now under a new contract, the city still helps fund Invest Aurora operations, along with private funding.

But the organization's work has changed somewhat with more economic development efforts coming from City Hall.

"We're here to support the city and the city's effort at economic development," Daly said.

To that end, Invest Aurora has developed the $2.5 million EDA revolving loan program, funded through a partnership with the federal government, to help Aurora businesses.

Daly said during the first year, Invest Aurora has lent a little more than $2 million to Aurora businesses.

Some $2 million of the fund came from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security, or CARES, Act. Invest Aurora was awarded the grant in August 2021.

Because Invest Aurora is a not-for-profit organization, it was eligible to receive the money, which was intended to provide fast and direct economic assistance to American workers, families, small businesses and industries in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

Invest Aurora has lent out $2.07 million since May 2022. The funds were disbursed by category including $710,000 to restaurants, $615,000 to retail, $290,000 to real estate, $230,000 to manufacturing and $225,000 to recreation.

Daly said the demographic breakdown of the loans is 33.3% to white-owned businesses, 25% to Latino-owned, 25% to Asian-American-owned and 16.7% to African-American-owned.

She added that all of the businesses which received loans had partial minority ownership.

While the revolving loan fund has been an important part of what Invest Aurora has been doing, Daly said the organization still is involved in attracting new business to Aurora and helping retain it, business counseling and planning, data research and development and special projects.

She said Invest Aurora provided consultation services to more than 1,000 businesses in the city in 2022, and has a goal of increasing that by 20% during 2023. The help comes at no cost to the business, officials said.

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Workers tear down a historic home at 2240 N. Burling St. in Lincoln Park on Monday. The home was built soon after the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

Demolition of historic Lincoln Park home starts

Fight ends to preserve dwelling built soon after 1871 Great Chicago Fire

By Brian J. Rogal
Chicago Tribune

The historic home earlier Monday.

A local real estate titan received a permit from the city's Department of Buildings to wreck and remove a historic Lincoln Park home built soon after the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, ending a monthslong effort by preservationists to save it.

Thaddeus Wong, the Co-CEO of @ properties | Christie's International Real Estate, bought the home at 2240 N. Burling St. late last year for $2 million from his neighbor Judy Blatherwick, a 79-year-old Chicago Public Schools retiree. Wong filed for a demolition permit in November. But city planners in the 1990s rated the Italianate wood frame historically significant, automatically putting a 90-day hold on the permit.

Activists from Preservation Chicago, along with local community organizations, launched a petition drive to save the nearly 150-year-old home. The groups also asked the Chicago Commission on Landmarks to further delay the demolition or officially landmark 2240, but commissioners denied that request in February.

"It's really tragic, and we hoped the owner would have second thoughts," said Ward Miller, president of Preservation Chicago. "I don't know that there was anyone in the community opposed to saving it."

Wong declined to comment for this story. Demolition was underway Monday morning.

The tear down of Blatherwick's longtime home is another sign the city's 90-day rule can't fully protect Lincoln Park's historic buildings, added Miller, and without stronger safeguards, wealthy buyers will continue demolishing the community's graceful architecture, including its few remaining affordable units.

The national Sheffield Historic District covers much of Lincoln Park, including 2240 N. Burling St., but the designation doesn't protect individual buildings. Between 1993 and 2019, more than 350 buildings, roughly one-third of the Sheffield district's stock, was either demolished or significantly altered, often transformed from three-flats or other multifamily properties into single-family homes or new condominiums, according to an analysis by Landmarks Illinois.

Residents are already mourning the loss of 2240 Burling, which Blatherwick's mother-in-law purchased in the 1950s.

"I understand some people don't want the expense of preserving wood buildings, but 2240 is a very early post-Fire building that certainly deserves to be saved, and I think it's a travesty it's being torn down," said Diane Gonzalez, a resident of nearby Old Town. "There is not enough protection, and that's especially important for Lincoln Park, because its real estate is valuable, and some people want to put up fancy new buildings."

Limited liability corporations managed by either Wong or his wife, Emily Sachs Wong, also a well-known real estate agent, recently bought the two properties south of Blatherwick's home, according to county property records, including a three-flat already demolished.

"Obviously, there is a future plan beyond just turning 2240 into a side yard," Miller said.

Preservation Chicago did explore several options to save 2240, he added, such as moving or disassembling the house and placing it elsewhere, much like the Harriet F. Rees House at 2110 S. Prairie Ave. was moved in 2014 to make way for Wintrust Arena, but the plans proved impractical. Instead, the group carefully photographed the exterior and interior of 2240, to at least preserve its memory.

Gonzalez said Lincoln Park may need the stronger protections given by local landmark status. She helped lead the fight to get the Old Town neighborhood designated a city landmark in 1977, a move that saved much of its Victorian-era architecture.

"Old Town is a gem that was saved, thank God," she said.

Proposal to annex site for apartment building headed to Naperville council

By Suzanne Baker
Naperville Sun

A Naperville-based business is asking the city to annex 1.53 acres along 75th Street so it can construct Forest Meadows, a 38-unit apartment building targeted at young professionals, empty nesters and senior adults.

The Planning and Zoning Commission this week recommended the Naperville City Council annex and rezone the property at 25W462 75th St. for office, commercial and institutional use with an allowance for a multifamily building.

The land west of Naper Boulevard currently is unincorporated and zoned by DuPage County for single-family homes.

Greene Valley 75, which is owned by the Razi family of Naperville, is proposing an L-shaped building that includes six one-bedroom units from 700 to 750 square feet and 32 two-bedroom units from 1,100 to 1,150 square feet.

Forest Meadows will provide 35 parking spaces inside the main floor of the building plus an additional 51 outdoor spaces. The trash receptacle will be contained inside as well.

Mike Van Poucke, the attorney representing Greene Valley, told the commission the exterior brick and masonry of Forest Meadows will be similar to the Ellsworth Station near the Naperville main railroad station because the same architect was hired.

Other on-site amenities slated for residents include shaded outdoor seating with a pergola, a grill area, an exterior fire pit with seating, a turf area for lawn games, and seating with a pedestal picnic table.

Van Poucke said a single-family home and garage currently sit on the property but the house is uninhabitable because it most recently was used as a doctor's office and has no kitchen.

The property is bordered by the Goodrich Woods Forest Preserve to the north, the Islamic Center of Naperville to the west and one of the city's electric substations to the east.

On the other side of 75th Street to the south are homes.

Landscape architect Greg Sagen, president of Signature Design Group in Naperville, said the development is working to address four points requested by property owner to the north, DuPage Forest Preserve District, which asked Forest Meadows not to plant any invasive species, plant only native species, protect the old growth trees and provide a copy of the final landscape plan.

While native species will be planted, Sagan said because of their ornamental value, some nonnative species are included in the landscape plan. No invasive plants are included.

To protect trees on the northern property line, Sagan said the developer will put up tree preservation fencing and perform root pruning near the parking lot to prevent tearing of any of those trees.

Efforts also will be made to stay at least 15 to 25 away from the larger trees in that area, he said.

Van Poucke said Greene Valley 75 plans to save the wall of evergreens on the south end of the property to maintain the buffer along 75th Street.

In doing so, the plan is to move the sidewalk north of the trees.

In a letter to the city, Wahab Khan, president of the Islamic Center of Naperville, said as neighbors, ICN has a "strong interest and desire" to see the property improved.

"Forest Meadows will replace an unused, dilapidated older building with a needed residential use of a first-class style," Khan said.

ICN also supports an emergency driveway connection with a manual, lockable gate between the two properties.

Generation tables estimate the apartments could add 4.5 students, who would attend Naperville District 203 schools.

In addition to the annexation and zoning change, the commission also agreed to allow building height and density variances.

While the maximum height for a multifamily residence in an OCI district is 43 feet, Greene Valley is asking for 47 feet.

It also is requesting a density increase from 26 units per acre to 38 units.

High court to hear cases about social media posts

1st Amendment issue: Can public officials block people or delete comments?

By Jessica Gresko
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court said Monday it will decide whether public officials can block critics from commenting on their social media accounts, an issue that previously came up in a case involving former President Donald Trump.

Two years ago the Supreme Court dismissed a case over Trump's efforts to block critics from his personal Twitter account. A lower court had said Trump violated the First Amendment whenever he blocked a critic to silence a viewpoint. But the Supreme Court said the case should be dismissed because there was nothing left to it after Trump was permanently suspended from Twitter and ended his presidential term. The Republican former president's account has since been reinstated.

Now, the court has agreed to hear two cases involving much lower-profile figures. The first involves two elected members of a California school board, the Poway Unified School District Board of Trustees. The members, Michelle O'Connor-Ratcliff and T.J. Zane, used Facebook and Twitter accounts to communicate with the public. Two parents, Christopher and Kimberly Garnier, left critical comments and replies to posts on the board members' accounts and were blocked. An appeals court said the board members had violated the parents' free speech rights by doing so.

The other case involves James Freed, who became the city manager of Port Huron, Michigan, in 2014. Freed, who was appointed to his position by the mayor and City Council, used a Facebook page to communicate with the public. In 2020, a resident, Kevin Lindke, used the page to comment several times from three Facebook profiles, including criticism of the city's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Freed blocked all three accounts and deleted Lindke's comments. Lindke sued, but lower courts sided with Freed.

Katie Fallow, senior counsel at the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University, which was involved in the Trump case, said that more and more public officials are using social media to communicate about official business.

"As many courts have held, it doesn't matter whether it's the president or a local city manager, government officials can't block people from these forums simply because they don't like what they're saying," Fallow said in a statement. "The Supreme Court should reaffirm that basic First Amendment principle."

The Supreme Court will not hear the new cases before the fall.

Also Monday, the Supreme Court rejected appeals from oil and gas companies that are fighting lawsuits from state and local governments over whether they can be held responsible for harms resulting from global warming.

The justices handed the companies a setback in their legal fight with city, county and state governments that want the cases to be heard in state courts, where both sides agree the governments stand a better chance of winning large damage awards. The companies want the cases moved to federal courts.

A worker sets a machine to crush empty Miller High Life beer cans April 17 at the Westlandia plant in Ypres, Belgium. **COMITE CHAMPAGNE**

French beer bust in Belgium

'Champagne of Beers' slogan not in good taste to guardians of renowned sparkling wine

By Samuel Petrequin
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The guardians of Champagne will let no one take the name of the bubbly beverage in vain, not even a U.S. beer behemoth.

For years, Miller High Life has used the "Champagne of Beers" slogan. Last week, that appropriation became impossible to swallow.

At the request of the trade body defending the interests of houses and growers of the northeastern French sparkling wine, Belgian customs crushed more than 2,000 cans of Miller High Life advertised as such.

The Comite Champagne asked for the destruction of a shipment of 2,352 cans on the grounds that the century-old motto used by the U.S. brewery infringes the protected designation of origin "Champagne."

The consignment was intercepted in the Belgian port of Antwerp in early February, a spokesperson at the Belgian Customs Administration said last week, and was destined for Germany.

Molson Coors Beverage Co., which owns the Miller High Life brand, does not currently export it to the EU, and Belgian customs declined to say who had ordered the beers.

The buyer in Germany "was informed and did not contest the decision," the trade organization said in a statement.

Frederick Miller, a German immigrant to the US, founded the Miller Brewing Company in the 1850s. Miller High Life, its oldest brand, was launched in 1903.

According to the Milwaukee-based brand's website, the company started to use the "Champagne of Bottle Beers" nickname three years later. It was shortened to "The Champagne of Beers" in 1969.

"With its elegant, clear-glass bottle and crisp taste, Miller High Life has proudly worn the nickname 'The Champagne of Beers' for almost 120 years," Molson Coors Beverage Co. said in a statement.

No matter how popular the slogan is in the United States, it is incompatible with European Union rules which make clear that goods infringing a protected designation of origin can be treated as counterfeit.

The 27-nation bloc has a system of protected geographical designations created to guarantee the true origin and quality of artisanal food, wine and spirits, and protect them from imitation.

That market is worth nearly $87 billion annually — half of it in wines, according to a 2020 study by the EU's executive arm.

Charles Goemaere, managing director of the Comite Champagne, said the destruction of the beers "confirms the importance that the European Union attaches to designations of origin and rewards the determination of the Champagne producers to protect their designation."

Molson Coors Beverage Co. said it "respects local restrictions" around the word Champagne.

"But we remain proud of Miller High Life, its nickname and its Milwaukee, Wisconsin provenance," the company said. "We invite our friends in Europe to the U.S. any time to toast the High Life together."

Belgian customs said the destruction of the cans was paid for by the Comite Champagne.

According to their joint statement, it was carried out "with the utmost respect for environmental concerns by ensuring that the entire batch, both contents and container, was recycled in an environmentally responsible manner."

Twitter users wary of Musk's revived mark

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Celebrities and other high-profile Twitter users are once again being verified by the social media platform, and they don't know why the blue check marks reappeared — nor do they seem too happy about it.

Twitter removed the blue marks last week from accounts that don't pay a monthly fee. But the check marks mysteriously returned for many highly followed accounts over the weekend, leading some prominent users to disavow what's become a divisive symbol of Twitter owner Elon Musk's erratic changes to the platform.

Accounts belonging to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Bette Midler, gymnast Simone Biles Owens, writer Neil Gaiman and rapper Lil Nas X were among the users — all with more than 1 million followers — who took to Twitter to make clear they didn't pay to get their blue check back.

"On my soul i didn't pay for twitter blue, u will feel my wrath tesla man!" wrote the rapper who has 8 million followers. Added Gaiman, who has 3 million followers: "What a sad, muddled place this has become."

Midler said Sunday: "Yes, Elon gave me back my blue check but I didn't pay for it. Does that make me a good guy or a bad guy? I'm so confused." But by Monday, there was no sign she had a blue check.

Twitter had roughly 400,000 verified users under the original blue-check system, including Hollywood actors and star athletes but also journalists, human rights activists and public agencies.

In the past, the checks meant that Twitter had verified that users were who they said they were, as a method to prevent impersonation and the spread of misinformation.

But now anyone can buy a Twitter Blue subscription starting at $8 a month.

It no longer means the user is verified — other than confirming a phone number — but promises a number of features, including the ability to have more people see their tweets.

But only a fraction of users — and very few of those who had the blue checks before — are buying the service.

SKorea restores trade status for Japan

By Kim Tong-Hyung
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea formally restored Japan to its list of countries it gives preferential treatment in trade Monday, three years after the neighbors downgraded each other's trade status amid a diplomatic rift fueled by historical grievances.

In announcing the move through a government gazette, South Korea's Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy also said Seoul will further restrict technology and industrial exports to Russia and its ally Belarus to support the U.S.-led pressure campaign against Moscow over the war in Ukraine.

After years of friction, Seoul and Tokyo are working to repair relations as they tighten their three-way security cooperation with Washington to counter the threat posed by North Korea. Pyongyang has used the distractions caused by the war to accelerate testing of nuclear-capable missiles.

South Korean officials expect Tokyo to restore Seoul as a favored trade partner as well.

In September 2019, South Korea dropped Japan from its "white list" of countries receiving fast-track approvals in trade, reacting to a similar move by Tokyo. Japan had also tightened export controls on key chemicals that South Korean companies use to make semiconductors and displays, prompting South Korea to file a complaint with the World Trade Organization.

Seoul accused Tokyo of weaponizing trade to retaliate against South Korean court rulings that ordered Japanese companies to offer reparations to South Koreans forced into slave labor before the end of World War II, when Japan had colonized the Korean Peninsula.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Credit Suisse has $69B in outflows

GENEVA — Ailing bank Credit Suisse on Monday reported nearly $69 billion in outflows in the first three months of the year, when Switzerland's government arranged for its takeover by rival UBS, and said clients are still withdrawing assets.

The Zurich-based bank cited the "significant net asset outflows" as it posted results skewed by an emergency rescue that was orchestrated by Switzerland's financial markets regulator.

The takeover by UBS was designed in part to help stabilize the global financial system that had been roiled by the collapse of two U.S. banks.

On Monday, Credit Suisse said the outflows "have moderated but have not yet reversed," the bank said.

Strikes cancel German flights

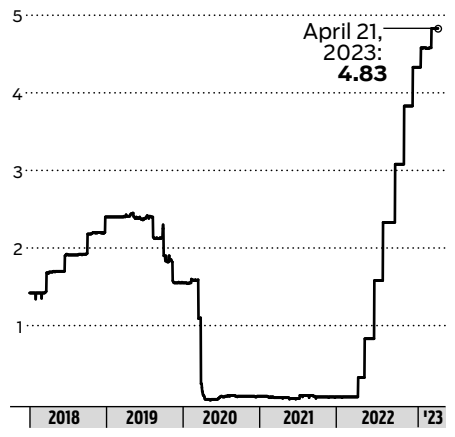
BERLIN — Employees at Berlin and Hamburg airports staged walkouts Monday in an ongoing dispute over salary raises, leading to flight cancellations in both German cities.

In Berlin, all 220 departures and 70 out of 240 incoming flights were canceled, German news agency dpa reported. Due to a walkout announced at short notice by trade union ver.di, the airport in Hamburg announced in the early morning that 50 of 160 departures had been canceled.

The walkouts started at 3:30 a.m. and were supposed to last until midnight.

The union wants to increase pressure on employers with whom it is negotiating bonuses for special working hours, for example on weekends, and rules on overtime pay.

Effective federal funds rate
Daily interest rate at which banks lend each other reserve funds



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Rose Carney works at the food pantry April 17 at a church in Eagle River, Alaska. Carney and thousands of Alaskans have not gotten food stamps for months. **MARK THIESSEN/AP**

Food stamp problems force many Alaskans to go hungry

By Mark Thiessen and Becky Bohrer
Associated Press

EAGLE RIVER, Alaska — Thousands of Alaskans who depend on government assistance have waited months for food stamp benefits, exacerbating a long-standing hunger crisis worsened by the pandemic, inflation and the remnants of a typhoon that wiped out stockpiles of fish and fishing equipment.

The backlog, which began in August, is especially concerning in a state where communities in far-flung areas, including Alaska Native villages, are often not connected by roads. They must have food shipped in by barge or airplane, making the cost of even basic goods exorbitant. Around 13% of the state's roughly 735,000 residents received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits — or SNAP — in July, before the troubles began. SNAP is a federal program administered by states.

"People are struggling and having to make choices of getting food or getting heating fuel," said Daisy Lockwood Katcheak, city administrator in Stebbins, an Alaska Native village of 634 people, more than 400 miles northwest of Anchorage.

Faced with food shortages and rampant inflation, the city recently used $38,000 in funds raised for a children's spring carnival to buy residents basic supplies. The community on Alaska's western coast is also reeling from a typhoon that destroyed a critical stockpile of fish and fishing boats at the same time problems with the food stamp program were emerging.

"My people are suffering firsthand," Katcheak said.

Alaska lawmakers have responded to the state's sluggish response, as lawsuits have alleged failures in the state's administration of the food stamps and a program that provides aid to low-income Alaskans who are blind, elderly or have disabilities.

Republican Gov. Mike Dunleavy authorized $1.7 million to provide relief to communities in a state that is almost 2½ times the size of Texas. Lawmakers approved emergency funding to hire staff to handle the crush of cases as food banks have reported the highest level of demand they have seen.

The hunger crisis in Alaska stems from a perfect storm of cascading events, compounded by staffing and technology issues within the state health department.

During the pandemic, the regular renewal process for SNAP benefits was suspended. Problems emerged after the state ended its public health emergency last July and recertification requirements for SNAP were re-instituted, resulting in a flood of applications.

A cyberattack that targeted the state health department in 2021 complicated Alaska's ability to process the applications, said Heidi Hedberg, appointed health commissioner late last year. Employees who were supposed to upgrade key department computer systems were pulled away to address the attack.

But 100 positions set to be eliminated due to anticipated efficiencies with the upgrade nonetheless were still cut, Hedberg said.

Calif. researchers attempting ocean-based climate solution

By Julie Watson
Associated Press

A barge is loaded with carbon dioxide extracting technology called SeaChange, developed by UCLA, for an April 12 demonstration in San Pedro, Calif. **ASHLEY LANDIS/AP**

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Atop a 100-foot barge tied up at the Port of Los Angeles, engineers have built a kind of floating laboratory to answer a simple question: Is there a way to cleanse seawater of carbon dioxide and then return it to the ocean so it can suck more of the greenhouse gas out of the atmosphere to slow global warming?

Called the lungs of the planet, the ocean, whose plants and currents take in carbon dioxide, has already helped the Earth tremendously by absorbing 30 percent of carbon dioxide emissions since the Industrial Revolution and capturing 90 percent of the excess heat from those emissions. Acting as a giant carbon sink, it has been a crucial buffer in protecting people from even worse effects of early climate change.

Seawater can store 150 times more carbon dioxide per unit volume than air, roughly. But absorbing the greenhouse gas has come at a cost, causing oceans to become more acidic, destroying coral reefs and harming marine species, including impeding shellfish from building their skeletons.

The technology, dubbed SeaChange, developed by the University of California Los Angeles engineering faculty, is meant to seize on the ocean's natural abilities, said Gaurav Sant, director of UCLA's Institute of Carbon Management.

The process sends an electrical charge through seawater flowing through tanks on the barge. That then sets off a series of chemical reactions that trap the greenhouse gas into a solid mineral that includes calcium carbonate — the same thing seashells are made of. The seawater is then returned to the ocean and can pull more carbon dioxide out of the air. The calcium carbonate settles to the sea floor.

Plans are now underway to scale up the idea with another demonstration site in Singapore. Data collected there and at the Port of Los Angeles will help in the design of larger test plants. Those facilities are expected to be running by 2025 and be able to remove thousands of tons of carbon dioxide per year. If they are successful, the plan is to build commercial facilities to remove millions of tons of carbon annually, Sant said.

But even that is still thousands of times less than what will be needed to meaningfully address climate change.

Sant doesn't disagree. Scientists estimate at least 10 billion metric tons of carbon will need to be removed from the air annually beginning in 2050, and the pace will need to continue over the next century.

"That really is the fundamental metric that you've got to keep in mind," he said.

That's why the success of any of the technologies will rely on "how fast you can build them out," he added.

According to the UCLA team, at least 1,800 industrial-scale facilities would be needed to capture 10 billion tons of atmospheric carbon dioxide per year, but fewer could still make a dent.

The project is among a host of ideas being explored by scientists who warn that cutting emissions will not be enough to limit global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius, or 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit, and avert catastrophic changes to ecosystems.

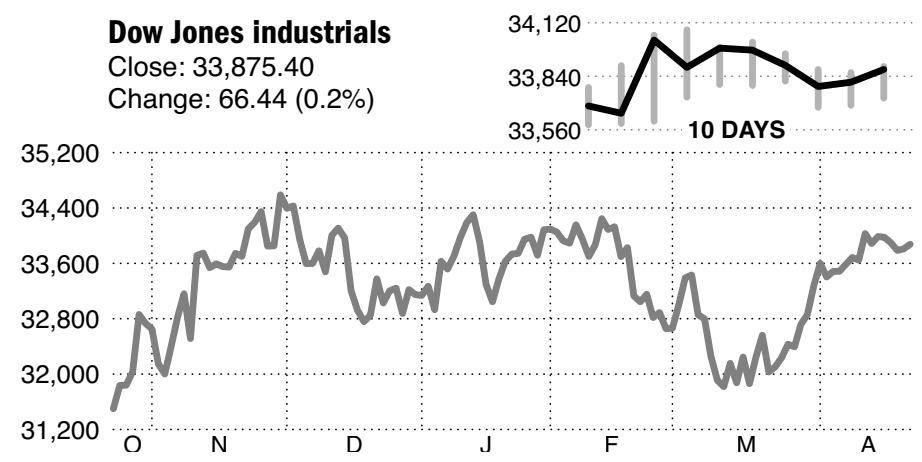
Much of the attention until recently has been on land-based initiatives such as planting trees or building factories to capture carbon from emitters, but they have limitations including costs and demands on land. So scientists have increasingly turned to seek help from the ocean, which covers 70% of the Earth's surface.

Among the ideas researchers are looking at is fertilizing the surface of the ocean to cause a proliferation of tiny carbon-absorbing phytoplankton. Another would sprinkle beaches with minerals to increase seawater's alkalinity so it can pull more carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

None of the projects have been tested on a global scale, and there is concern about tampering with the ocean.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 33,891.15 Low: 33,726.09 Previous: 33,808.96



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
-35.25 (-.29%)	+3.52 (+.09%)	-2.64 (-.15%)
Close 12,037.20	Close 4,137.04	Close 1,788.87
High 12,103.58	High 4,142.41	High 1,797.61
Low 11,960.30	Low 4,117.77	Low 1,781.67
Previous 12,072.45	Previous 4,133.52	Previous 1,791.51

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-.07 to 3.50%	+9.60 to $1,989.10	+.06 to 134.27/$1	-.0057 to .9053/$1	+.89 to $78.76

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-.33	-.99	-.34	+4.45	+2.28	+4.01	-.51	-7.44	-3.70

FUTURES

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 23	669.25	669.50	643.25	643.50	-18.25
		Jul 23	679	682	656.75	657	-16
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 23	663.25	667.50	648.50	651.25	-12
		Jul 23	615.50	618	604.25	607.50	-7.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 23	1483.50	1500	1463.25	1465.25	-18.25
		Jul 23	1450.25	1462.25	1434	1436	-13
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 23	53.40	53.60	52.46	52.56	-.84
		Jul 23	53.57	53.78	52.64	52.76	-.81
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 23	445.80	449.00	439.20	439.50	-6.20
		Jul 23	444.10	446.90	437.10	437.40	-6.20
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jun 23	77.97	79.18	76.72	78.76	+.89
		Jul 23	77.82	79.00	76.57	78.60	+.89
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, $ per mm btu	May 23	2.220	2.286	2.181	2.273	+.040
		Jun 23	2.395	2.484	2.364	2.471	+.063
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	May 23	2.6016	2.6456	2.5516	2.6318	+.0302
		Jun 23	2.5839	2.6215	2.5268	2.6100	+.0347

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. *Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ*

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	110.40	-1.26	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	68.19	-.18	Middleby Corp	O	140.99	-.84
AbbVie Inc	N	164.08	+1.67	Equity Residential	N	61.20	-.10	Mondelez Intl	O	71.81	+.49
Allstate Corp	N	115.90	+.12	Exelon Corp	O	43.45	+.23	Morningstar Inc	O	206.00	-1.59
Aptargroup Inc	N	120.40	-.19	Federal Signal	N	51.03	-.12	Motorola Solutions	N	293.40	+.65
Arch Dan Mid	N	80.80	+.30	First Indl RT	N	51.83	-.86	NiSource Inc	N	28.53	-.11
Baxter Intl	N	45.40	+.11	Fortune Brands Innov	N	61.23	+.65	Nthn Trust Cp	O	86.13	+.83
Boeing Co	N	205.77	+.62	GATX	N	112.86	+.26	Old Republic	N	24.92	-.34
Brunswick Corp	N	85.97	-.18	Gallagher AJ	N	207.42	-.35	Packaging Corp Am	N	144.91	+1.68
CBOE Global Markets	N	139.72	+.21	Grainger WW	N	675.32	+5.21	Paylocity Hldg	O	192.48	-1.45
CCC Intellig Solut	O	8.88	-.17	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	117.87	+.47	RLI Corp	N	144.41	-2.46
CDW Corp	O	165.94	+2.81	IDEX Corp	N	218.25	+.49	Ryan Specialty Group	N	40.02	-.06
CF Industries	N	74.60	+.16	ITW	N	237.69	+1.50	Stericycle Inc	O	42.26	+.19
CME Group	O	187.22	-2.51	Ingredion Inc	N	105.42	+.59	TransUnion	N	63.84	-.96
CNA Financial	N	39.08	-.13	John Bean Technol	N	107.50	+.01	US Foods Holding	N	37.83	+.10
Caterpillar Inc	N	223.43	+3.16	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	129.49	-3.29	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	547.40	+6.03
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	37.72	+.27	Kemper Corp	N	53.82	-1.09	United Airlines Hldg	O	43.93	-.52
Deere Co	N	388.04	+1.34	Kraft Heinz Co	O	39.18	-.04	Ventas Inc	N	45.58	+.40
Discover Fin Svcs	N	104.49	-1.03	LKQ Corporation	O	57.19	+.59	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	35.50	+.23
Dover Corp	N	148.60	+.92	Littelfuse Inc	O	247.69	+1.99	Wintrust Financial	O	69.54	-.83
Envestnet Inc	N	65.83	-.48	McDonalds Corp	N	293.20	+1.14	Zebra Tech	O	288.19	+.29

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Fst Republic Bank	16.00	+1.74
AT&T Inc	17.53	-.69
Ford Motor	12.16	+.35
Vale SA	14.14	-.13
Lumen Technologies	2.42	+.19
Bank of America	29.76	-.11
Credit Suisse Gp	.91	+.02
Ambev S.A.	2.82	-.01
Nokia Corp	4.20	-.02
Carnival Corp	9.28	-.10
Keycorp	11.13	-.46
Alibaba Group Hldg	86.89	-2.24
AMC Entertainment A	4.96	-.03
Carrier Global Corp	41.93	-3.29
Palantir Technol	8.10	-.08
Verizon Comm	37.10	-.22
Ginkgo Bioworks Hldg	1.27	-.04
Petrobras	11.95	+.35
Pfizer Inc	39.91	-.30
Wells Fargo & Co	41.45	+.21
Sthwstn Energy	5.11	+.13
General Motors Co	34.29	+.74
Itau Unibanco Hldg	5.00	-.03
US Bancorp	32.79	-.73

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Mullen Automotive	.10	-.01
Bed Bath &Beynd	.19	-.11
IN8bio Inc	3.00	+1.95
Tesla Inc	162.55	-2.53
Aclarion Inc	1.28	+.54
Amazon.com Inc	106.21	-.75
Ideanomics Inc	.04	-.00
Exela Technologies	.04	-.00
Apple Inc	165.33	+.31
Adv Micro Dev	87.57	-.86
Faraday Fut Intllgnt	.20	-.01
Intel Corp	29.66	-.64
Tempo Automation Hld	.80	+.10
Nvidia Corporation	270.42	-.77
Nikola Corp	.82	-.10
Microsoft Corp	281.77	-3.99
Marathon Digital Hld	8.89	-.04
American Airlines Gp	13.32	-.08
Alphabet Inc A	105.97	+.56
Alphabet Inc C	106.78	+.87
Coinbase Global Inc	54.75	-4.29
Opendoor Technol	1.41	-.13
Mangoceuticals Inc	1.95	+.47
Bionano Genomics Inc	.78	+.10

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3275.41	-25.9/-.8
Stoxx600	468.97	+.3/+.1
Nikkei	28593.52	+29.2/+.1
MSCI-EAFE	2153.39	+6.2/+.3
Bovespa	103946.58	-420.2/-.4
FTSE 100	7912.20	-1.9/-.0
CAC-40	7573.86	-3.1/-.0

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alphabet Inc C	106.78	+.87
Alphabet Inc A	105.97	+.56
Amazon.com Inc	106.21	-.75
Apple Inc	165.33	+.31
Berkshire Hath B	326.05	+1.72
Eli Lilly	383.35	-1.89
Exxon Mobil Corp	118.20	+2.19
JPMorgan Chase	140.73	+.19
Johnson & Johnson	163.68	+.99
Meta Platforms Inc	212.79	-.10
Microsoft Corp	281.77	-3.99
Novo Nordisk AS	170.48	-2.17
Nvidia Corporation	270.42	-.77
Procter & Gamble	156.35	+.28
Taiwan Semicon	84.64	-.73
Tesla Inc	162.55	-2.53
Unitedhealth Group	488.94	+5.12
Visa Inc	232.76	-1.29
WalMart Strs	152.76	+1.03

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month Disc	5.04	4.98
6-month disc	4.85	4.87
2-year	4.11	4.18
10-year	3.50	3.57
30-year	3.71	3.77

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	$1989.10	$1979.50
Silver	$25.306	$25.053
Platinum	$1088.80	$1129.80

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	8.00
Discount Rate Primary	5.50
Fed Funds Target	4.75-5.00
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.49

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys . . .

Argentina (Peso)	220.1916
Australia (Dollar)	1.4939
Brazil (Real)	5.0399
Britain (Pound)	.8011
Canada (Dollar)	1.3541
China (Yuan)	6.8964
Euro	.9053
India (Rupee)	81.954
Israel (Shekel)	3.6467
Japan (Yen)	134.27
Mexico (Peso)	17.9688
Poland (Zloty)	4.16
So. Korea (Won)	1334.22
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.66
Thailand (Baht)	34.36

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	29.70	+.06	-1.6
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	49.50	+.06	+.1
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	55.34	+.03	+1.8
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	64.99	+.17	+.1
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	64.37	+.06	+.1
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	55.01	-.05	-6.0
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.02	+.05	-1.3
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	44.28	+.01	+1.1
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	52.56	-.02	-1.5
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	53.18	+.04	-.9
Baird AggrgateBdInstl	9.85	+.04	-.8
Dodge & Cox Incl	12.50	+.04	+.5
Dodge & Cox IntlStkl	46.91	+.13	+5.8
Dodge & Cox Stkl	219.04	+.29	-1.9
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	143.63	+.12	-1.5
Fidelity BCGrowth	132.90	-.17	-6.5
Fidelity Contrafund	13.49	+.01	-.9
Fidelity GlobalexUSIdx	13.48	+.02	+2.7
Fidelity GroCo	26.32	-.05	-2.7
Fidelity IntlIdxInstlPrm	46.17	+.14	+7.5
Fidelity InvmGradeBd	10.09	+.04	-.5
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInsPrm	113.94	+.03	-2.6
Fidelity USBdIdxInsPrm	10.42	+.04	-.8
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdI	9.23	...	-2.3
PIMCO IncInstl	10.42	+.01	+.5
PIMCO TtlRetIns	8.64	+.03	-2.4
Schwab SP500Idx	63.58	...	-4.3
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	381.91	+.32	-1.5
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	41.65	+.08	-1.7
Vanguard DivGrInv	36.04	+.07	+1.1
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	84.09	+.23	+.2
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	127.74	-.21	-3.7
Vanguard HCAdmrl	90.58	+.29	+9.1
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.55	+.02	+3.0
Vanguard InsIdxIns	345.53	+.29	-1.5
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	345.53	+.30	-1.5
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	100.50	-.08	+1.0
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	260.81	+.38	-5.6
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	141.02	-.28	+1.8
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.09	+.02	+1.4
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	90.33	-.11	-5.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Fd	26.67	+.05	-1.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Fd	17.65	+.03	-1.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Fd	33.34	+.04	-1.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Fd	20.64	+.03	-1.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2040Fd	36.38	+.04	-1.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2045Fd	24.50	+.02	-.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2050Fd	40.66	+.03	-.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2055Fd	45.36	+.03	-.8
Vanguard TrgtRtrIncFd	12.74	+.02	-.9
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	9.71	+.04	-.9
Vanguard TtBMIdxIns	9.71	+.04	-.9
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	30.19	+.04	+1.7
Vanguard TtInSIdxIns	120.74	+.17	+1.7
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	18.05	+.02	+1.6
Vanguard TtlSMIdxAdmrl	99.83	+.04	-2.6
Vanguard TtlSMIdxIns	99.84	+.03	-2.6
Vanguard WlngtnAdmrl	68.95	+.16	+.6
Vanguard WlslyIncAdmrl	60.13	+.21	-.2
Vanguard WndsrIIAdmrl	69.95	+.18	-.1

d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee.
m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee.
Source: Morningstar.

NATION & WORLD

Americans get help fleeing Sudan

US, others trying to get people out before war worsens

By Zeke Miller and Aamer Madhani
Associated Press

A soldier carries a child Monday in Amman, Jordan, as evacuees from Sudan arrive at an airport. **KHALIL MAZRAAWI/GETTY-AFP**

WASHINGTON — The United States has begun facilitating the departure of private U.S. citizens who want to leave Sudan as fighting has shaken the African nation, according to White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan.

Sullivan said the U.S. has placed intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance assets over the land evacuation route to help facilitate safe travel by land from Khartoum to the Port of Sudan, but does not have any U.S. troops on the ground.

"We have started to see a more regular pattern of convoys begin to arrive, including convoys that have Americans in them," Sullivan said. "Once at the port then we are using diplomatic facilities in neighboring countries to help those Americans with their onward travel so that they can get safely out of the country."

U.S. special operations forces carried out a precarious evacuation at the U.S. Embassy in Sudan on Sunday, sweeping in and out of the capital with helicopters on the ground for less than an hour. No shots were fired and no major casualties were reported.

Sullivan's comments came as foreign governments airlifted hundreds of their diplomats and other citizens to safety and Sudanese on Monday desperately sought ways to escape the chaos, fearing that the country's two rival generals will escalate their all-out battle for power once evacuations are completed.

Sullivan said the White House continues to look at "every conceivable option" to help Americans get out of Sudan but is not considering peacekeeping troops.

"It is not standard practice for the United States to send in the U.S. military" into war zones to extract American citizens, Sullivan said. "We didn't do it in Libya. We didn't do it in Syria. We didn't do it in Yemen, and no, we didn't do it in Ukraine. Afghanistan was a unique case involving the end of the 20-year war that the United States was centrally involved in."

An estimated 16,000 private U.S. citizens are registered with the embassy as being in Sudan. The figure is rough because not all Americans register with the embassy or say when they depart.

In dramatic evacuation operations, convoys of foreign diplomats, civilian teachers, students, workers and families from dozens of countries wound past combatants at tense front lines in the capital of Khartoum to reach extraction points. Others drove hundreds of miles to the country's east coast. A stream of European, Mideast, African and Asian military aircraft flew in all day Sunday and Monday to ferry them out.

But for many Sudanese, the airlift was a terrifying sign that international powers, after failing repeatedly to broker cease-fires, only expect a worsening of the fighting that has already pushed the population into disaster.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said he had helped broker a 72-hour cease-fire to begin late Monday. It would extend a nominal truce coinciding with a Muslim holiday that brought almost no reduction in fighting but helped to facilitate the evacuations.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned of a "catastrophic conflagration" that could engulf the whole region.

He urged the 15 members of the Security Council to "exert maximum leverage" on both sides in order to "pull Sudan back from the edge of the abyss."

Sudanese face a harrowing search for safety in the shifting battle of explosions, gunfire and armed fighters looting shops and homes. Many citizens have been huddling in their homes for nine days.

Food and fuel are leaping in price and harder to find. Electricity and the internet are cut off in much of the nation, and hospitals are near collapse.

Those who can afford it were making the 15-hour-long drive to the Egyptian border or to Port Sudan on the Red Sea coast.

Those without means to get abroad streamed out to relatively calmer provinces along the Nile north and south of Khartoum. Many more were trapped, with cash in short supply and transport costs spiraling.

"Traveling out of Khartoum has become a luxury," said Shahin al-Sherif, a high school teacher.

The 27-year-old al-Sherif was frantically trying to arrange transport out of Khartoum for himself, his younger sister, mother, aunt and grandmother.

They had been trapped for days in their home in Khartoum's Amarat neighborhood while fighting raged outside. Finally, they moved to a safer district farther out.

But al-Sherif expects things to get worse and worries his sister, aunt and grandmother, all diabetic, won't be able to get the supplies they need.

Amani el-Taweel, an Egyptian expert on Africa, said that once evacuations are done, "warring parties will not heed any calls for a truce or a cease-fire."

Gunfire and thundering explosions rocked the city in continued fighting between the military and the Rapid Support Forces, a paramilitary group.

More than 420 people, including at least 273 civilians, have been killed and over 3,700 wounded since the fighting began April 15.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Russia says naval base hit in Crimea, drone found

Attacks may indicate Ukraine is preparing for counteroffensive

By David Rising
Associated Press

A Ukrainian soldier uses a periscope Monday to look at Russian lines at the front in Ukraine's Donetsk region. A counteroffensive against the Russians is expected this spring. **LIBKOS/AP**

KYIV, Ukraine — Russian-appointed authorities in Crimea said the military fended off a Ukrainian strike on a main naval base Monday, while an exploding drone was also reportedly found in a forest near Moscow — attacks that come as Ukraine is believed to be preparing for a major counteroffensive.

The Moscow-appointed head of the port city of Sevastopol in Crimea, Mikhail Razvozhayev, said the military destroyed a Ukrainian sea drone that attempted to attack the harbor in the early hours and another one blew up. He said the powerful explosions shattered windows in apartment buildings but didn't inflict any other damage.

The attack was the latest in a series of attempted strikes on Sevastopol, the main naval base in Crimea that Russia illegally annexed in 2014.

Ukrainian authorities didn't immediately comment on Monday's strikes. After previous attacks on Sevastopol and other areas, Ukrainian officials stopped short of openly claiming responsibility but emphasized the country's right to strike any target in response to the Russian aggression.

Russian news reports also claimed Monday that a Ukrainian exploding drone was found in a forest in a forest about 19 miles east of the Russian capital.

While it didn't explode, the incident again underscored Ukraine's capability to reach deep inside Russia as the Ukrainian military is thought to be preparing for a spring counteroffensive to reclaim occupied areas.

Observers believe that the counteroffensive's most likely target would be the Russian-held parts of the southern Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions. If the push is successful, it would allow Ukraine to cut the land corridor between Russia and Crimea.

In what could be preparations for such a move, Ukrainian forces have recently established a foothold near the town of Oleshky on the eastern bank of the Dnieper River, according to the Institute for the Study of War, a Washington-based think tank.

Ukraine has recently received sophisticated weapons from its Western allies and new troops freshly trained in the West, giving rise to growing anticipation of an offensive.

American-made Patriot missiles arrived in Ukraine last week, and military spokesman Yuriy Ihnat said Sunday on Ukrainian television that some have already gone into service.

Speaking after talks Monday with visiting Estonian Prime Minister Kaja Kallas in the northwestern city of Zhytomyr, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy commended the Baltic nation for its decision to hand over all of its 122-mm and 155-mm howitzers to Ukraine.

"If each of the leaders and each of the states were as conscientious about the protection of our common freedom on the continent, Russia's aggression would have already known obvious defeats," Zelenskyy said.

The Russian forces, meanwhile, have continued their nearly nine-month effort to capture the Ukrainian stronghold of Bakhmut in the eastern Donetsk region.

Zelenskyy emphasized the importance of defending Bakhmut in last month's interview with The Associated Press, saying that its fall could allow Russia to rally international support for a deal that might require Kyiv to make unacceptable compromises.

Ukraine and Russia have described the fighting for Bakhmut, the war's longest battle, as key to exhausting enemy forces and preventing them from pressing attacks elsewhere along the 620-mile front line.

On Monday, Yevgeny Prigozhin, the millionaire owner of the Wagner Group military contractor that has spearheaded the Russian offensive in Bakhmut, claimed that Ukrainian forces have been pushed into a less than one square mile in the western section of the city. His claim couldn't be independently verified.

He predicted that Ukraine will likely launch a counteroffensive during the next couple of weeks once the ground dries enough to allow tanks and other vehicles to freely move off roads.

Ukraine's military intelligence chief, Maj. Gen. Kyrylo Budanov, in an interview with RBC-Ukraine, described the counteroffensive as a "landmark battle in Ukraine's modern history" that will see the country "reclaim significant areas." "Everybody understands that we are getting close to it," he said.

By month's end, India is set to have 1.425 billion people, ultimately surpassing China. **RAJANISH KAKADE/AP**

UN: In days, India's population to be largest

By Krutika Pathi and Joe McDonald
Associated Press

NEW DELHI — India will be the world's most populous country by the end of this month, eclipsing an aging China, the United Nations said Monday. The milestone raises questions about whether India can repeat the economic success that has made China central to the world's economy and a leading global power.

The news comes at a moment when India is promoting itself as a rising international player as the host of this year's G20 Summit. It's also becoming a more attractive destination for multinational companies seeking to reduce their reliance on China.

By the end of April, India's population is expected to reach 1.425 billion, which means it will match and then surpass mainland China's, the U.N.'s Department of Economic and Social Affairs said in a news release. The forecast is based on its latest estimates of global population.

It's not clear exactly when India's population will pass China's. It may have already have done so. Demographers say the limits of population data make it impossible to calculate a date.

The Indian government, which hasn't done a census since 2011, has not officially commented on the estimates.

Observers say India's sheer size, and its young population, give it the potential to replicate China's economic trajectory.

Young workers who flooded into China's cities to take factory jobs starting in the 1990s were an essential ingredient in the boom that saw China become the world's second-largest economy.

But China's population peaked in 2022 and has since started to fall. By the close of the century, its population could drop below 1 billion, the U.N. said.

‘How much should 1 person suffer?’

Looming telehealth crackdown threatens dying patient rights

By Jonel Aleccia
Associated Press

Georgene White stands for a portrait with a photo of her mother, Teri Sheridan, last week in Belvidere, N.J. **MATT ROURKE/AP**

At 93, struggling with the effects of a stroke, heart failure and recurrent cancer, Teri Sheridan was ready to end her life using New Jersey’s law that allows medically assisted suicide — but she was bedbound, too sick to travel.

So last Nov. 17, surrounded by three of her children, Sheridan drank a lethal dose of drugs prescribed by a doctor she had never met in person, only online. She died within minutes.

Soon, others who seek Sheridan’s final option may find it out of reach, the unintended result of a federal move to roll back online prescribing of potentially addictive drugs allowed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“How much should one person suffer?” said Sheridan’s daughter, Georgene White, 68. “She wanted to just go to sleep and not wake up.”

Online prescribing rules for controlled drugs were relaxed three years ago under emergency waivers to ensure critical medications remained available during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency has proposed a rule that would reinstate most longstanding requirements that doctors see patients in person before prescribing narcotic drugs such as Oxycontin, amphetamines such as Adderall, and a host of other potentially dangerous drugs.

The aim is to reduce improper prescribing of these drugs by telehealth companies that boomed during the pandemic. Given the ongoing opioid epidemic, allowing continued broad use of telemedicine prescribing “would pose too great a risk to the public health and safety,” the proposed rule said. It also cracks down on how doctors can prescribe other less-addictive drugs, like Xanax, used to treat anxiety, and buprenorphine, a narcotic used to treat opioid addiction.

The rule would allow some of these drugs to be prescribed with telemedicine for an initial 30-day dose, though patients would need to be seen in person to get a refill. And patients who have been referred to a new doctor by one they had previously met in person could continue to receive prescriptions for the drugs via telemedicine.

DEA Administrator Anne Milgram called the plan “telemedicine with guardrails.”

The agency, with input from the Department of Health and Human Services, is working to finalize the rule by May 11, when the COVID public health emergency officially ends, an HHS spokeswoman said.

If approved by then, the new requirements would take effect in November.

The proposal has sparked a massive backlash, including more than 35,000 comments to a federal portal and calls from advocates, members of Congress and medical groups to reconsider certain patients or provisions.

“They completely forgot that there was a population of people who are dying,” said Dr. Lonny Shavelson, a California physician who chairs the American Clinicians Academy on Medical Aid in Dying, a coalition of doctors who help patients access care under so-called right-to-die laws.

Among the biggest complaints: The rule would delay or block access for patients who seek medically assisted suicide and hospice care, critics said. Many of the comments — including nearly 10,000 delivered in person to DEA offices — came from doctors and patients protesting the effect of the rule on seriously ill and dying patients.

“Please do not make the end of life harder for me,” wrote Lynda Bluestein, 75, of Bridgeport, Connecticut. In March, Bluestein, who has terminal fallopian tube cancer, reached a settlement with the state of Vermont that will allow her to be the first non-resident to use its medically assisted suicide law. By the time she’s ready to use the drugs, she expects to be too ill to travel to see a doctor in person for the prescription, she wrote.

The clash between desperate patients who need treatment and the DEA’s efforts to bar telehealth firms from overprescribing dangerous medications was inevitable, said David Herzberg, a historian of drugs at the University of Buffalo.

“The balancing act is so tricky,” he said.

Laws in 10 states and Washington, D.C., allow dying people with a prognosis of six months or less to end their lives with a lethal combination of medications covered by the DEA rule.

But such patients are often too sick to visit a doctor in person — or they live hundreds of miles from the nearest qualified provider, Shavelson said.

There are similar issues for the 1.7 million Medicare recipients enrolled in hospice care in the U.S., said Judi Lund Person, who oversees regulatory compliance for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. Rolling back online prescribing flexibilities could mean a dying patient would wait for days for drugs to ease pain and other symptoms.

“They just don’t have time for that,” she said.

Shavelson and his colleagues called for an exception to the rule for the hundreds of patients a year who qualify for medically assisted suicide. Both the American Medical Association and the California Medical Association sent letters asking the DEA to carve out provisions for doctors prescribing the most dangerous category of drugs to patients receiving hospice or palliative care.

“These patients are extremely fragile, and their medical conditions do not allow them to easily access a physician’s office,” wrote Dr. Donaldo D. Hernandez, president of the California group. Such people pose a “reduced risk for abuse” given their clear need for the medications.

Congress directed the DEA in 2008 to create exceptions for certain providers to permit remote prescribing, but the agency has not done so, Virginia Democrat Sen. Mark Warner said in a statement last month.

DEA officials did not respond to questions about whether COVID-19 telehealth waivers would remain in effect if the proposed rule isn’t finalized by May 11 or whether the agency will allow exceptions for remote prescribing.

During the pandemic, prescriptions for medically assisted suicide went up, in some cases significantly. In Oregon, for instance, they climbed nearly 49%, to 432 in 2022 from 290 in 2019.

Telemedicine was key to access during the COVID emergency, said Dr. Robin Plumer, the New Jersey doctor who prescribed the drugs Teri Sheridan took. Plumer has overseen 80 assisted suicide deaths since 2020. Without online prescribing, 35% to 40% of her patients wouldn’t have been able to use the law.

“I feel like we’ve taught people over the past couple of years that telemedicine does work in so many areas and it’s a great improvement for people,” especially for those who are homebound or dying, Plumer said.

“And what?” she said. “They’re suddenly going to yank that away?”

A Star of David hangs outside the dormant landmark Tree of Life synagogue last week in Pittsburgh. Eleven worshippers were killed at the synagogue in 2018. **GENE J. PUSKAR/AP**

Jury selection begins in trial for 2018 attack of synagogue

By Peter Smith and Mark Scolforo
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Prospective jurors said Monday that if they were to convict a man of killing 11 worshippers at a Pittsburgh synagogue in the deadliest antisemitic attack in U.S. history, they would be capable of sentencing him to die.

Jury selection got underway in the trial of 50-year-old Robert Bowers, who faces 63 counts in the Oct. 27, 2018, attack at the Tree of Life synagogue, where members of three Jewish congregations were holding Sabbath activities. The charges include 11 counts of obstruction of free exercise of religion resulting in death and 11 counts of hate crimes resulting in death.

Bowers, a truck driver from the Pittsburgh suburb of Baldwin, could get the death sentence if convicted. He offered to plead guilty in return for a life sentence, but federal prosecutors turned him down even though Joe Biden pledged while campaigning for president three years ago that, if elected, he would work to end the federal death penalty. Bowers’ lawyers also recently said he has schizophrenia and structural and functional brain impairments.

It was quiet outside the courthouse in downtown Pittsburgh for the start of the trial. U.S. District Judge Robert Colville began by thanking prospective jurors for their service, summarizing the case and describing the trial’s phases.

Bowers sat with his attorneys and looked at documents as the judge spoke.

The courtroom gallery was largely empty, though a small group of relatives of those who were killed and at least one survivor of the attack were present.

Prosecutors, defense attorneys and the judge spent about 30 minutes questioning each of the first four prospective jurors to be called. Most questions revolved around whether the candidates would be willing to impose the death sentence and, if so, whether they would be open to considering mitigating evidence, including about the defendant’s mental state or childhood.

All four said they would be able to consider a sentence of death or life in prison.

One of them came out firmly in support of capital punishment, saying “there needs to be repercussions.” Another said a house of worship “should have been a safe place” and that she couldn’t imagine a worse crime. But she also said that after sitting behind Bowers during a previous hearing, she realized “he’s a person, not a monster.”

The court plans to select 12 jurors and six alternates.

Once a jury is seated, prosecutors are expected to tell jurors about incriminatory statements Bowers allegedly made to investigators, an online trail of antisemitic statements that they say shows the attack was motivated by religious hatred, and the guns recovered from him at the crime scene where police shot Bowers three times before he surrendered.

The families of those killed were divided over whether the government should pursue the death penalty, but most were in favor.

Bowers also injured seven people, including five police officers, investigators said.

Prosecutor: Proud Boys saw themselves as ‘Trump’s army’

By Michael Kunzelman and Lindsay Whitehurst
Associated Press

Proud Boys members Zachary Rehl, left, and Ethan Nordean, walk toward the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, in Washington, in support of President Donald Trump. **CAROLYN KASTER/AP**

WASHINGTON — Ready for “all-out war,” leaders of the far-right Proud Boys extremist group viewed themselves as foot soldiers fighting for Donald Trump as the outgoing president clung to power after the 2020 election, a prosecutor said Monday at the close of a historic trial over the U.S. Capitol insurrection.

After more than three months of testimony, jurors began hearing attorneys’ closing arguments in the seditious conspiracy case accusing Proud Boys national chairman Enrique Tarrio and four lieutenants of plotting to forcibly stop the transfer of power from Trump to President Joe Biden.

The Proud Boys were “lined up behind Donald Trump and willing to commit violence on his behalf,” prosecutor Conor Mulroe told jurors. “These defendants saw themselves as Donald Trump’s army, fighting to keep their preferred leader in power no matter what the law or the courts had to say about it.”

The prosecution’s words underscore how the Justice Department has worked throughout the trial to link the violence on Jan. 6, 2021, to the rhetoric and actions of Trump. Prosecutors have repeatedly shown jurors a video clip of Trump telling the Proud Boys to “stand back and stand by” during his first presidential debate with Joe Biden.

Tarrio is one of the top targets of the Justice Department’s investigation of the Jan. 6 riot that erupted at the Capitol. Tarrio wasn’t in Washington, D.C., that day but is accused of orchestrating an attack from afar.

Defense attorneys say there’s is no evidence of a conspiracy or a plan for Proud Boys to attack the Capitol.

Nicholas Smith, attorney for former Proud Boys chapter leader Ethan Nordean, said prosecutors built their case on “misdirection and innuendo.” Smith accused prosecutors of repeatedly playing the clip of Trump from the debate to try to manipulate jurors.

“Does that prove some conspiracy by the men here?” Smith asked jurors. “We all know it doesn’t.”

Seditious conspiracy, a Civil War-era charge that is rare and can be difficult to prove, carries a potential sentence of up to 20 years in prison. The Proud Boys also face other serious charges.

The Justice Department has already secured seditious conspiracy convictions against the founder and members of another far-right extremist group, the Oath Keepers.

But this is the first major trial involving leaders of the far-right Proud Boys, a neofascist group of self-described “Western chauvinists” that remains a force in mainstream Republican circles.

The foundation of the government’s case, which started with jury selection in January, is a trove of messages that Proud Boys leaders and members privately exchanged in encrypted chats — and publicly posted on social media — before, during and after the Jan. 6 attack.

After the 2020 election on Nov. 3, they raged online for weeks about baseless claims of a stolen election and what would happen when Biden took office.

“If Biden steals this election, (the Proud Boys) will be political prisoners,” Tarrio posted on Nov. 16, 2020. “We won’t go quietly ... I promise.”

Jurors also saw the string of gleeful messages that Proud Boys members posted during the Jan. 6 riot. A group of Proud Boys marched to the Capitol that day. Some entered the building after the mob of Trump supporters overwhelmed police lines.

“Make no mistake,” Tarrio wrote in one message. “We did this.”

Prosecutors showed multiple videos from Jan. 6, including one that appeared to show defendant Zachary Rehl spraying police officers with pepper spray outside the Capitol.

Confronted with the images during his testimony earlier in the trial, Rehl said he didn’t remember doing such a thing and couldn’t tell whether it was him.

Lawmakers war-game China conflict scenario

Exercise reviews US options, outcomes in escalation on Taiwan

By Ellen Knickmeyer
Associated Press

Members of the House select committee on China play a tabletop war exercise last week in Washington. **ELLEN KNICKMEYER/AP**

WASHINGTON — It's April 22, 2027, and 72 hours into a first-strike Chinese attack on Taiwan and the U.S. military response. Already, the toll on all sides is staggering.

It was a war game, but one with a serious purpose and high-profile players — members of the House select committee on China. The conflict unfolded on Risk board game-style tabletop maps and markers under a giant gold chandelier in the House Ways and Means Committee room.

The exercise explored American diplomatic, economic and military options if the United States and China were to reach the brink of war over Taiwan, a self-ruled island that Beijing claims as its own. The exercise played out one night last week and was observed by The Associated Press. It was part of the committee's in-depth review of U.S. policies toward China as lawmakers, especially in the Republican-led House, focus on tensions with President Xi Jinping's government.

In the war game, Beijing's missiles and rockets cascade down on Taiwan and on U.S. forces as far away as Japan and Guam. Initial casualties include hundreds, possibly thousands, of U.S. troops. Taiwan's and China's losses are even higher.

Discouragingly for Washington, alarmed and alienated allies in the war game leave Americans to fight almost entirely alone in support of Taiwan.

And forget about a U.S. hotline call to Xi or one of his top generals to calm things down — not happening, at least not under this role-playing scenario.

The war game wasn't about planning a war, lawmakers said. It was about figuring out how to strengthen U.S. deterrence, to keep a war involving the U.S., China and Taiwan from ever starting.

Ideally, the members of Congress would walk out of the war game with two convictions, the committee chairman, Rep. Mike Gallagher, R-Wis., told colleagues at the outset: "One is a sense of urgency."

The second: "A sense ... that there are meaningful things we can do in this Congress through legislative action to improve the prospect of peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait," Gallagher said.

The U.S. doesn't formally recognize the Taiwan government but is Taipei's most vital provider of weapons and other security assistance. Xi has directed his military to be ready to reclaim Taiwan in 2027, by force if necessary.

Asked about lawmakers' war game, Liu Pengyu, spokesperson for the Chinese Embassy, said China wants peaceful reunification with Taiwan but reserves "the option of taking all necessary measures."

"The U.S. side's so-called 'war game' is meant to support and embolden 'Taiwan independence' separatists and further fuel tensions in the Taiwan Strait, which we firmly oppose," Liu said.

In the war game, lawmakers played National Security Council advisers. Their directive from their (imaginary) president was to deter a Chinese takeover of Taiwan if possible, defeat it if not.

Their adversaries were experts from the Center for a New American Security think tank, whose research includes war-gaming possible conflicts using realistic scenarios and unclassified information.

In the exercise, it all kicks off with opposition lawmakers in Taiwan talking about independence.

With the think tank's defense program director Stacie Pettyjohn narrating, angry Chinese officials respond by heaping unacceptable demands on Taiwan. Meanwhile, China's military moves invasion-capable forces into position.

Ultimately, China imposes a de facto blockade on Taiwan, intolerable for an island that produces more than 60% of the world's semiconductors, as well as other high-tech gear.

While the U.S. military readies for a possible fight, U.S. presidential advisers — House committee members — assemble.

They lob questions at a retired general, Mike Holmes, playing the role of the Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, before deciding courses of action.

What are the economic consequences if the U.S. goes maximalist on financial punishments, one lawmaker asks. "Catastrophic" is the response, for both the United States and China. China will hit back at the U.S. economy as well.

Do American leaders have any way to communicate with their Chinese counterparts, lawmakers ask. No, China's leaders have a history of shunning U.S. hotline calls, and that's a problem, the exercise leaders tell them.

In the war game, U.S. officials are left trying to pass messages to their Chinese counterparts through China-based American business leaders, whose Dell, Apple, HP and other product operations China all subsequently seizes as one of its first moves in the attack.

Then, on paper, U.S. and Chinese satellites, space weapons, drones, submarines, ground forces, warships, fighter squadrons, cyber warriors, communications experts, bankers, Treasury officials and diplomats all go to war.

At the end, before the lessons-learned part, the war-game operators reveal the toll of the first wave of fighting. Lawmakers study the tabletop map, wincing as they hear of particularly hard setbacks among U.S. successes.

U.S. stockpiles of very long-range missiles? Gone.

Global financial markets? Shaking.

U.S. allies? As it turns out, China's diplomats did their advance work to keep American allies on the sidelines. And anyway, it seems the all-out U.S. economic measures against China's economy have put off allies. They're sitting this one out.

In the "hot-wash" debrief at the end, lawmakers point to a few key military weaknesses that the war game highlighted.

"Running out of long-range missiles is bad," said Rep. Dusty Johnson, R-S.D.

But the most glaring shortfalls appeared in diplomacy and nonmilitary planning.

Becca Wasser, a think tank senior fellow who role-played a convincingly menacing Chinese official, pointed to lawmakers' recurring frustration in the war game at the lack of direct, immediate leader-to-leader crisis communication. It's something Beijing and Washington in the real world have never managed to consistently make happen.

"In peacetime, we should have those lines of communication," Wasser said.

The exercise also underscored the risks of neglecting to put together a package of well-thought out economic penalties, and of failing to build consensus among allies, lawmakers said.

"As we get closer to 2027, they're going to be trying to isolate us," Rep. Rob Wittman, R-Va., said of Xi's government.

Holmes, in the role of Joint Chiefs chairman, reassured lawmakers after the first three days of fighting.

"We survived," he said.

NEWS BRIEFING

Fulton County DA: Decision in Trump probe this summer

From news services

ATLANTA — Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis on Monday said she would announce this summer whether former President Donald Trump and his allies would be charged with crimes related to alleged interference in Georgia's 2020 election.

Willis revealed the timetable in a letter to local law enforcement in which she asked them to be ready for "heightened security and preparedness" because she predicted her announcement "may provoke a significant public reaction."

In the letters, Willis said she will announce possible criminal indictments between July 11 and Sept. 1, sending one of the strongest signals yet that she's on the verge of trying to obtain an indictment against Trump and his supporters.

"Please accept this correspondence as notice to allow you sufficient time to prepare the Sheriff's Office and coordinate with local, state and federal agencies to ensure that our law enforcement community is ready to protect the public," Willis wrote to Fulton Sheriff Patrick Labat.

Similar letters were hand delivered to Darin Schierbaum, Atlanta's chief of police, and Matthew Kallmyer, director of the Atlanta-Fulton County Emergency Management Agency.

"We have seen in recent years that some may go outside of public expressions of opinion that are protected by the First Amendment to engage in acts of violence that will endanger the safety of those we are sworn to protect. As leaders, it is incumbent upon us to prepare," Willis told the metro Atlanta leaders.

Trump has called for mass demonstrations in response to charges from prosecutors — triggering concerns about violent unrest not unlike the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection he promoted.

'Tennessee three': President Joe Biden on Monday thanked three Tennessee lawmakers for "standing up" after they faced expulsion for participating in gun control protests at their statehouse.

"You're standing up for our kids, you're standing up for our communities," Biden told Rep. Justin Pearson, Rep. Justin Jones and Rep. Gloria Johnson during an Oval Office meeting.

Flanked by Vice President Kamala Harris, Biden described the expulsion votes as "shocking" and "undemocratic."

"Nothing is guaranteed about our democracy — every generation has to fight for it," he said.

The episode has turned the lawmakers, known as the "Tennessee three," into Democratic heroes.

The statehouse protest took place days after the shooting at the Covenant School, a private Christian school where three children and three adults were killed. The three lawmakers — Pearson, Jones and Johnson — approached the front of the House chamber with a bullhorn as protesters filled the galleries.

The Republicans who control the Tennessee legislature called for their expulsion because they disrupted House proceedings. Pearson and Jones, both Black, were expelled, while Johnson was not.

Rice leaving: President Joe Biden said Monday that his top domestic policy adviser, Susan Rice, will leave her post next month.

As director of the White House Domestic Policy Council, Rice had broad sway on the administration's approach to health care, immigration and racial inequality.

It was a surprising shift for Rice, a longtime Democratic foreign policy expert who served as President Barack Obama's national security adviser and U.N. ambassador, the only person to serve in both positions.

"After more than two years of her steady leadership of the Domestic Policy Council — it's clear: There is no one more capable, and more determined to get important things done for the American people than Susan Rice," Biden said in a statement announcing her departure.

Breonna Taylor killing: A Louisville police officer who fired the fatal shot that killed Breonna Taylor has a new job in law enforcement in a county northeast of the city.

The Carroll County Sheriff's Office on Saturday confirmed the hiring of Myles Cosgrove, who was fired from the Louisville Metro Police Department in January 2021 for violating use-of-force procedures and failing to use a body camera during the raid on Taylor's apartment, according to media reports.

About a dozen people showed up in downtown Carrolton on Monday morning to protest his hiring, holding signs and chanting "Cosgrove has got to go."

"I think he should be in jail," said Haley Wilson, a 24-year-old resident of the small Kentucky town near the Ohio River. She said it is "absolutely ridiculous" that Cosgrove is now policing her town.

Kenya cult: Kenyan President William Ruto on Monday compared the dozens of starvation deaths among the followers of a pastor in the south of the country with the results of terrorist acts, as the new death toll rose to 73.

He maintained that the pastor, Paul Makenzi, who is in police custody, should be in prison.

"What we are seeing ... is akin to terrorism," Ruto said. "Mr. Makenzi ... pretends and postures as a pastor when in fact he is a terrible criminal."

Makenzi was arrested on suspicion of telling his followers to fast to death in order to meet Jesus.

A group of emaciated people were rescued alive, but some of them later died. Authorities then turned their attention to dozens of shallow graves marked with crosses on Makenzi's 800-acre ranch.

The total death toll now stands at 73, with 26 new bodies exhumed Monday, Malindi sub-county police chief John Kemboi told The Associated Press.

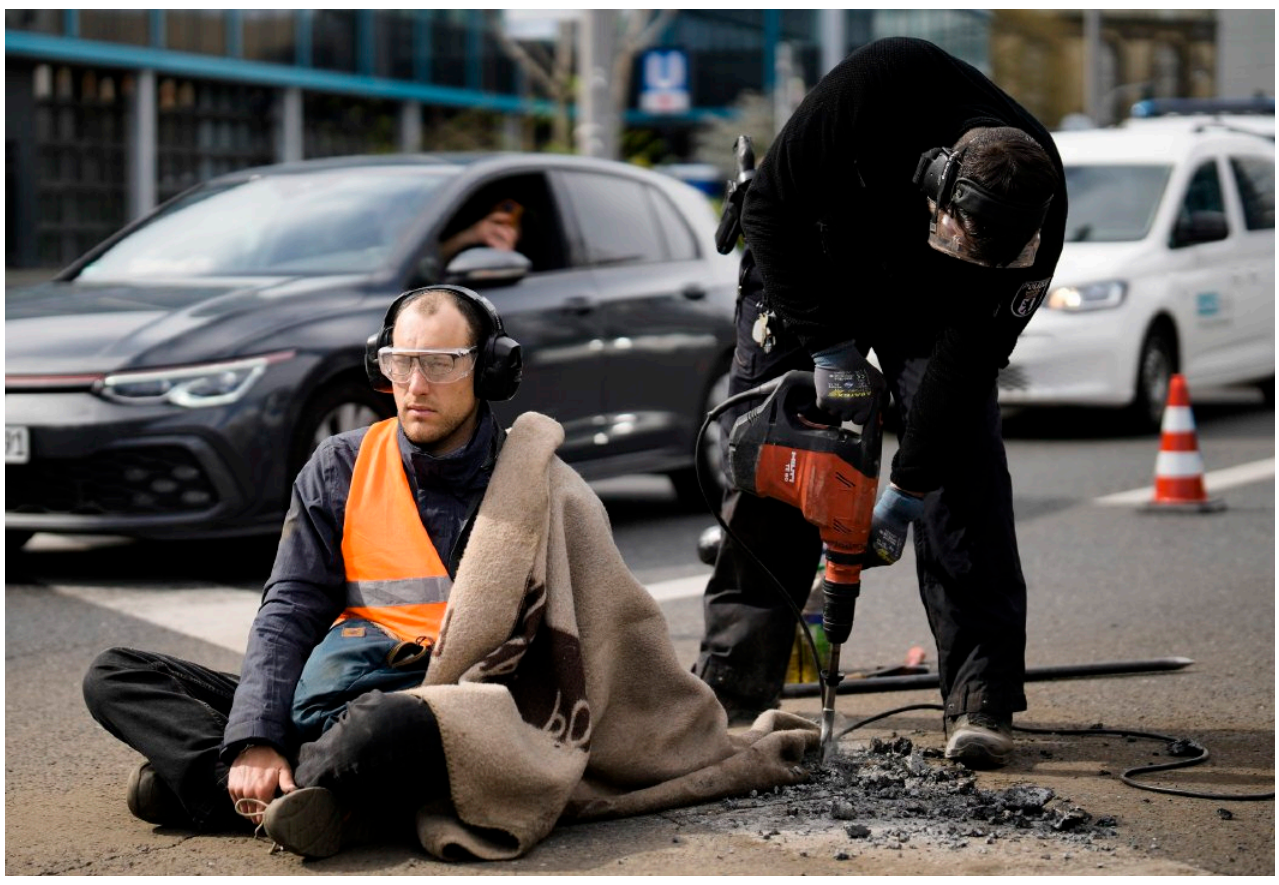
Haiti violence: A mob in the Haitian capital beat and burned 13 suspected gang members to death with gasoline-soaked tires Monday after pulling the men from police custody at a traffic stop, police and witnesses said.

The vigilante violence underlined public anger over the increasingly lawless situation in Port-au-Prince, where criminal gangs have taken control over an estimated 60% of the city since the July 2021 assassination of President Jovenel Moïse.

Six more burned bodies were laid in a nearby neighborhood later Monday, and some witnesses said police killed them and residents set them on fire, but the AP could not verify the accounts independently.

Haiti National Police said in a statement that officers stopped and searched a minibus for contraband early Monday, and had confiscated weapons from suspects before they were "unfortunately lynched by members of the population."

The statement did not elaborate on how members of the crowd were able to take control of the suspects.



A police officer removes the pavement next to the hand of a climate change activist during a protest against the policy of the German government Monday in Berlin. Climate activists tried bringing traffic to a standstill by gluing themselves to streets in the capital. The activists also planned to block traffic later by marching slowly through the city. **MARKUS SCHREIBER/AP**

ARTS & LIVING

Bobcat Goldthwait at Gino's East in Chicago. **BETH ROONEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

'I'm a VHS comic in this TikTok World'

Bobcat Goldthwait lives in the western 'burbs now and celebrates a new album at Lincoln Lodge

Rick Kogan

The Chicago area is peppered with talented people, and one of the latest to join this crowd is Robert Francis Goldthwait, tucked into a quiet and pleasant Western suburb. "I have come to like it very much," he told me. "I came here three years ago after living for 35 years in California because my girlfriend wanted to be near her parents. That's three years ... Three winters and I made it through."

Perhaps you know this person as Bobcat, a name he has carried through a more than 40-year-long career as a comic, actor, writer and director. Whatever opinion you may have of him is likely based on some of the antics and sounds that have punctuated this long career and helped to define him.

Maybe you remember him as the odd-mannered, loud, raspy-voiced character Zed of the 1980s "Police Academy" film franchise; the screeching voice, grunts and oddball manner that was his stage persona in stand-up routines in clubs and TV specials; as the opening act for such rock groups as Nirvana, or watched him set fire to "The Tonight Show" set in 1994.

"I've always been battling this perception people have of me," he said. "But I can't get upset with people if they're only aware of a small part of my body of work."

Decades in the making — and not a "greatest hits" collection — Bobcat Goldthwait's new CD is being celebrated with a party Wednesday at Lincoln Lodge. **COURTESY**

He has new work. He is writing. Movies are in the early stages. And he is celebrating the release of his first CD in decades, titled "Soldier for Christ" Wednesday night with a sold-out performance at the Lincoln Lodge, along with Russian American comic/actor Eugene Mirman. Proceeds from the ticket sales will benefit The Trevor Project, which provides crisis support services to LGBTQ young people.

"This is nothing like a 'great hits' collection," he says. "I have been performing with some regularity at Lincoln Lodge (where the new CD was taped live) since I moved here. I had been away from stand-up for some time and realized I missed it. Even though some people come to the show wanting to see the 'old Bobcat,' I wasn't interested in doing that. I'm not a nostalgia act.

"These shows aren't polished and there's a freedom in that. I hope a listener, an audience, can sense that I am having fun. This is the first time I am just telling stories, opening up about who I am."

It is a fine, refreshing CD, a free-wheeling collection of thoughts on politics, family, his personal life and these precarious times. You can almost hear wheels turning as he talks. "There is really something exciting while I am performing and a new thought just comes into my head and I go with it," he said.

Goldthwait is a child of Syracuse, New York. He was a comically precocious kid, hosting performances in school to make his friends laugh and hitting the local comedy clubs by the time he was 15. He performed in the club scene in Boston, and fame came quickly. He first appeared on "Late Night with David Letterman" when he was 20, about the same time he gave up booze and drugs for keeps. The next years were an almost nonstop series of sold-out shows and big-time fame.

"It all happened so fast," he said. "It was really an exciting period. Venues always changed and so many of them. There was always a place to perform."

He became a big hit in the "Police Academy" films but his movie resume contains a lot of good, bad and ugly. Remember 1988's "Hot To Trot," about a talking horse who gives investment tips? Films of his making are much better, the first that

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'Poetry is not just for pages'

Chicago's first Poet Laureate talks about his new plans

By Darcel Rockett
Chicago Tribune

It's been weeks since Chicagoans were asked to nominate a poet in either written or spoken traditions for the position as the city's first Poet Laureate. In January, a call for nominations went out with nearly 1,300 nominations submitted. On Monday, the city announced that multidisciplinary artist avery r. young was chosen for the role.

The Chicago Poet Laureate program is a collaboration between Mayor Lori Lightfoot's office, the Chicago Public Library, the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events and the Poetry Foundation.

As Chicago Poet Laureate, young will serve a two-year term and be awarded a $50,000 grant for the commissioning of new poems and the creation of a public program series for youth and students.

Young comes to the role as a poet, educator and composer with creative projects in music, performance, visual arts and literature. Young is co-director of the Floating Museum, an arts collective that explores relationships between art, community, architecture and public institutions, a 2022 Field Foundation Leader for a New Chicago awardee, and a performer with the band de deacon board.

"As a respected multidisciplinary artist in our community, avery has the ability to push the boundaries of this position beyond the ceremonial and deliver something that is unique, engaging and transformational," said DCASE Commissioner Erin Harkey. "The possibilities for his tenure are endless as we think about how poetry might intersect with performance, music, education, activism and civic dialogue."

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Poet, songwriter and multi-disciplinary artist avery r. young performs at the "Everyone's Picasso" event in 2017 at Daley Plaza in Chicago. **JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Ben Rappaport (as Jack Paar) and Sean Hayes (Oscar Levant) in "Good Night, Oscar" at the Belasco Theatre in New York. **JOAN MARCUS**

REVIEW 'GOOD NIGHT, OSCAR'

Sean Hayes is stunning on Broadway

By Chris Jones
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — In November 1958, the brilliant composer, concert pianist and outré humorist Oscar Levant, then under medical supervision, appeared live on NBC's "Tonight" show with Jack Paar in front of millions of Americans.

Audiences had no idea whether they watching the most daring, dramatic and hilarious talk-show appearance they ever had seen, or an appalling exploitation by Paar of an emotionally disturbed and profoundly ill man.

"What Mr. Paar did," wrote Jack Gould back then in the New York Times, "was play a public game of cat-and-mouse on the general subject of emotional instability. Would Mr. Levant make it or wouldn't he?" In Gould's view, Paar "was inviting the viewing audience to dabble in cliff-hanging psychiatry" and had been disturbingly willing to "capitalize on an individual's personal disturbances" and to "condone jokes on the subject of people who are confined or must be accompanied by attendants upon going into the outside world."

On the other hand, Levant, who typically played piano on the "Tonight" show,

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CELEBRITIES

Lewis reveals Parkinson's diagnosis

From news services

Comedian Richard Lewis is retiring from stand-up following four surgeries and a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease.

The "Curb Your Enthusiasm" star, 75, who is known for wearing all-black and exploring his neuroses onstage, posted a video Monday to Twitter explaining his various health issues.

"For the last three-and-a-half years, I've had sort of a rocky time," he said, adding that he has suffered with back pain and had shoulder and hip replacement surgeries.

He also got a brain scan because he was shuffling his feet when he walked. Doctors diagnosed him with Parkinson's.

"Luckily, I got it late in life, and they say you progress very slowly if at all, and I'm on the right meds, so I'm cool," he said. "I'm finished with stand-up. I'm just focusing on writing and acting."

Lewis has appeared on a number of TV shows, and his big-screen credits include "Robin Hood: Men in Tights," "Leaving Las Vegas" and "Vamps."

Richard Lewis has announced his retirement from stand-up comedy in a video posted online. ALEX GALLARDO/AP 2012

Lizzo brings drag queens onstage in Tennessee: In a concert Friday in Tennessee, Lizzo filled the stage with drag queens in a glittery protest against the state's legislation designed to restrict drag performances in public.

While performing at a Knoxville arena, the Grammy winner brought out a number of drag performers, including Aquaria, Kandy Muse, Asia O'Hara and Vanessa Vanjie Mateo. On Saturday, Lizzo posted videos on Instagram from the show, including her comments to the crowd.

In February, Republican Gov. Bill Lee signed the legislation against "adult cabaret" in public or in front of minors. A federal judge temporarily blocked the law in late March.

"In light of recent and tragic events and current events, I was told by people on the internet, 'Cancel your shows in Tennessee,' 'Don't go to Tennessee,'" Lizzo said during the Friday concert. "Their reason was valid, but why would I not come to the people who need to hear this message the most?"

'DWTS' judge Goodman dies: Len Goodman, a longtime judge on "Dancing with the Stars" and "Strictly Come Dancing" who helped revive interest in ballroom dancing, has died, his agent said Monday. He was 78.

Agent Jackie Gill said Goodman "passed away peacefully" on Saturday. He had been diagnosed with bone cancer.

A former professional ballroom dancer and British champion, Goodman was head judge on the British show "Strictly Come Dancing," which pairs celebrities with professional dance partners, for 12 years from its launch on the BBC in 2004. Goodman was head judge on the U.S. version of the show, ABC's "Dancing With the Stars," for 15 years until his retirement in November.

Goodman was a recipient of the Carl Alan Award in recognition of outstanding contributions to dance, and also owned the Goodman Academy dance school in England.

April 25 birthdays: Actor Al Pacino is 83. Bassist Stu Cook is 78. Singer Bjorn Ulvaeus is 78. Actor Talia Shire is 77. Actor Hank Azaria is 59. Singer Andy Bell is 59. Guitarist Rory Feek is 58. Actor Gina Torres is 54. Actor Renee Zellweger is 54. Actor Jason Lee is 53. Actor Marguerite Moreau is 46. Actor Allisyn Snyder is 27.

ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Widow ponders source of family bitterness

Dear Amy: My husband was diagnosed with ALS at the age of 67. About six months after diagnosis, we had a graduation picnic for our granddaughter.

My brother-in-law came, got drunk, and when he left, he banged our daughter's car and told no one. (We were not aware that he was so drunk.)

My husband called his brother, and he admitted that he'd hit her car, but said he was too drunk to return to the party, so he was going to call the next day. My daughter called her uncle and lectured him about drinking and driving and was pretty hard on him. I did the same.

He texted us and said he didn't need to be lectured by us and that we wouldn't see him again. He said he'd send a check for the damage.

My husband called him and did not lecture him, but said that we were concerned about his drinking. (We had expressed this in the past.)

Over the next two years, he never checked on my declining husband and did not come to his funeral less than three years later.

My children and I are bitter. When this uncle speaks to his sister, he seems to play the victim — as if we had kept him away from his brother.

My husband died feeling betrayed, and I can't shake my resentment. What are your thoughts on this?

— Bitter

Dear Bitter: You have a few things to feel bitter about — your husband's decline and death from a punishing and heartbreaking disease, being one. And yes, it is obvious how disappointing your brother-in-law's behavior has been, but addiction has a way of blunting a person's humane responses. It's as if the disease has to find a way to win, and so alcoholics will quite naturally reject confrontations, course corrections or even expressions of concern. And — to be clear — some people are just wired this way, even without addiction's pull.

One way to cope with your bitterness might be to see if you can conjure a way to feel sorry for this man, who denied himself contact with his brother and who will never be able to make it up to him. During a quiet moment, ask yourself if this would be possible, and consider the idea that it might help you to trade your bitterness for compassion.

Because — this much is true — nothing you do will affect the real source of your grief, although releasing this element of bitterness in your life will definitely help. Additionally, you might ask your late-husband's sister not to pass along messages of victimhood to you. This triggers your own sadness and anger when you might be focusing on healing.

Dear Amy: I've been a civil servant for 20 years and married for 11. Our marriage has mostly been unhappy. My husband and I have one 10-year-old daughter together, and I have an adult child from a previous relationship.

I'm in my 40s, and since I'm now pensionable, I can retire, move anywhere in the country and have a whole other career.

The problem is that I'm afraid of change. I want to supplement my pension by working in another field. Do you think it's wise to start over in another state?

I'm worried most about my daughter with the adjustment, but she's starting middle school, and she still doesn't have any lasting friendships in our small, affluent neighborhood, where we are blue-collar workers.

— Confused

Dear Confused: You don't say whether any potential move would also include your husband. This is obviously important. If you two break up, you will need to live near one another.

I don't think it is wise to uproot your daughter unless you have thought through all of the particulars and have a solid parenting plan in place. Look for transitional work closer to home and spend the next couple of years figuring out your next step.

Dear Amy: Thank you for your response to "M," the hard-working mother who was wondering how to share caregiving duties for her mother-in-law.

I appreciated your suggestion for this family to hire caregiving help. My siblings and I did this, and it was a relief for all of us, including our mom.

— No Regrets

Dear No Regrets: If you are lucky enough to get a good fit in terms of caregiving help, it can be a game-changer for everyone.

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'Oscar'

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where he was one of Paar's semi-regulars, had never been more honest with the public, nor had he ever been funnier.

"Good Night, Oscar" the searing and complex play by Doug Wright which began last year at Chicago's Goodman Theatre under the direction of Lisa Peterson and opened Monday night at Broadway's Belasco Theatre, is a 100-minute show about that very sweeps-week appearance.

And on a deeper level, this show is about the ethics of late-night TV, golden age or otherwise, the inevitable role of pain in the work of great comedians, and even the human rights of an entertainer who wishes still to talk and tell jokes to his fans, whatever circumstances may have befallen him. Wright leaves it up to the viewer to decide if Paar exploited Levant, or offered a stream-of-consciousness comedian and artist a well-deserved opportunity of a lifetime. Or both.

But many people will be attracted to this show just to see the extraordinary work of Sean Hayes in the title role.

This is, to say the least, one deep dive of a star-turn, an all-consuming (and notably all-consumed) piece of acting that reveals things in Hayes that most of his "Will and Grace" fans will be entirely gobsmacked to discover he has in his arsenal.

Hayes, whose work as Levant has only deepened since I first saw it in Chicago, sets out here to channel Levant's psychological and performative state of being. All in all, it's a spectacularly intense and unstinting performance, a Broadway tour de force wherein the honest work bespeaks of a beautiful homage to this phenomenally talented real-life character, a perennial second banana in danger of being forgotten in the passage of time. How many remembered him prior to the buzz around this show?

We first see Paar, played in deliciously mercenary fashion by Ben Rappaport, feuding with jittery network boss Bob Sarnoff (Peter Grosz) even as an underling (played by Alex Wyse) fusses around. Then Levant's wife June (the quietly excellent Emily Bergl) arrives with the news that she has had her husband committed to a mental institution but has lied about the destination to score a one-night pass (that part is fictional), meaning Oscar arrives with his nervous attendant Alvin (Marchánt Davis), along with a medical bag full of drugs. Things go from there, as Levant goes into his act with Paar.

The clunkiest part of the play involves Levant's visions of George Gershwin, to some extent his real-life nemesis but also the dominant obsession born of his neurosis. Frankly, I think Hayes could have shown us all that on his own, even without the appearance of John Zdrojeski as a debonair musical ghost, but it's a device that serves Wright's purpose in the thrilling finale as Hayes' Levant flies, in several senses of that word.

"Good Night, Oscar" is an old-school show with jokes that rightly have the potential to offend, which is the whole point of the work, and to a large extent the era it is exploring. The show needed guts to produce and it displays them, even if the set design from Rachel Hauck displays expressionistic themes only in cleverly subtle ways.

This is a play about a great entertainer but also about improvised, dangerous live TV, an era that has mostly receded when it comes to late-night entertainment playing to a political choir, but is very much present when it comes to news, as recent events reveal. For anyone who cherishes personal freedom or Hayes himself, it's not to be missed.

At the Belasco Theatre, 111 W. 44th St., New York; goodnightoscar.com

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he wrote, directed and starred in was "Shakes the Clown" in 1991. He's also directed stand-up specials and such offerings as "Jimmy Kimmel Live!"

He would work with his best friend, Robin Williams, in 2009's "World's Greatest Dad," which he wrote and directed. The two had met in the kitchen of a comedy club in the early 1980s and formed a bond that would last until Williams' death in 2014.

The night before filming was to begin on that movie, Goldthwait had a small crisis of faith, wondering what might happen when he offered advice to Williams. What was he going to say? "You were in 'Police Academy' and I have an Academy Award?"

At eight minutes, the longest of the 21 cuts on "Soldier for Christ" is about their relationship. It is touching, tender, honest and very funny.

Much on this CD is. Goldthwait is pleased with it and his new life here.

In part, that's because he has old friends in these parts. One is actor and writer Tim Kazurinsky who met Goldthwait when they were in the cast of "Police Academy 2."

"I was the milquetoast lamp store owner, and he was a punk gang leader mugging me at an ATM," said Kazurinsky. "First thing he said to me was, 'I'm gonna spray mace into my mouth ... then kiss you on the lips.' I believe the director had no idea this was gonna happen. Thankfully, it was fake mace. And everybody on set howled. Bobcat and I have been best pals ever since."

He talks of Goldthwait's tender side, offering this example: "I recently worked on a new Greg Glienna film called 'The Road Dog,' which stars Doug Stanhope. I asked Doug if he knew my friend Bobcat. Doug said, 'No. Never met him. But last year, when my wife was sick, near death, two deep dish pizzas arrived at my house, courtesy of Bobcat.' Luckily, Doug's wife is alive and well. As is my friendship with Bobcat."

In conversation, Goldthwait was smart, reflective, frank and funny. We talked about the changing face of comedy during his career, a costume party he once attended at Prince's house, his friendship with David Bowie and the "joy of connecting with audiences again."

He's had quite a life and career and is pleased to be still creatively at it.

As he put it, "I'm a VHS comic in this TikTok world."

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We talked with young, about his past, present, and his plans for the future as the inaugural poet laureate for the city. The following conversation has been edited for length and clarity.

Q: What were you doing before this new role?
A: The Floating Museum is doing The Garden, our newest inflatable. Kushala Vora is the lead designer on it. We're investigating this idea of the ways in which plants are used in good and not so good ways, and the means of recognizing their healing qualities and the means in which people have capitalized off plants that grow out of the ground.

Our next inflatable is a replica of the Mecca Flats (an apartment building that stood where Mies van der Rohe's Crown Hall currently sits on the Illinois Institute of Technology campus). We're trying to get it so people cannot just look at it, but be inside it. We're trying to figure it out."

Q: What do you want to achieve in this position?
A: I'm trying to figure out how to create and build upon some work during my two-year tenure and that work will mainly be focused on stories about Chicago. Then I am looking to really figure out a way to support any Laureate coming behind me by establishing a department that has adequate funds for programming that will not just make it about me, or the Laureate, but it will give opportunities for other poets and creatives to examine archives and create stories centering Chicago. That is my plan. But the immediate plan is to enjoy this moment. Take it in and celebrate because I'm in the history books now, for sure and I'm totally appreciative and honored, and I know this means more work to be done.

Poetry is not just for pages and binders. We all have tiny stories that we can share in so many different ways and a lot of my practice as a poet has been about the various spaces where language can exist and using sound, music, performance, visual art, sculpture in ways in which to get it. Me as Poet Laureate is definitely an example of where all that poetry is. You have an artist that is making records, a visual poetry book and being a part of an art collective that views the city as a museum. I can figure out the ways in which we infuse language in all the projects that we do.

I would like to also open this up to other poets and have them engage archives in the libraries in other institutions in the city, to do work that is Chicago centered because there's so many stories of Chicago within Chicago, it's so many people, places and things for poets to delve into and write about. I'm trying to create multiple opportunities for other artists in the city and keep poetry and the idea that the poem, or their poetry is not necessarily an event.

I'd like to put poetry on billboards and make it integral and the means in which we understand it to get a closer relationship to it.

This is such a city of great poets. It could have been anybody and I would have been supportive of whoever it was. Now I can support myself. I don't say I'm perfect for the position, but I will say the position is perfect for me.

Q: You said church was pivotal for you as an artist. Elaborate.
A: Yes, especially when it comes to language. Seeing the ways in which a minister could use language to evoke this spiritual transformation out of people, that's when I was like, 'that ability to do that, that's what I want to do.' And I didn't necessarily think it was about being a preacher, but the ability to have people in such a grip, in this exchange of energy. Because the attention is to have an experience that exceeds our human one, we want to have a spiritual experience. Brothers and sisters go to church to get up out of their bodies, and I learned I could do that through poems and in my performance of them, I can transform a space into a story I'm sharing.

Q: You've touched a lot of genres with your work — architecture, education — is there a certain area that you haven't touched yet that this job will enable you to do?
A: Although I get to do a lot of public art with the Floating Museum, I would like to add that to my personal practice. I'd like to spend a bit more time in galleries. I'd like to spend more time creating score for stage and/or film, and if we could figure out how the Poet Laureate introduces me more into theater.

Poetry Fest: Dr. Eve L. Ewing and avery r. young will be in conversation 3 p.m. April 29 at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St.; chipublib.org/poetry

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What to watch

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All times Central. Start times can vary based on cable/satellite provider. Confirm times on your on-screen guide.

Family Legacy

Paramount+ ■ **New Series**

Actor/music artist Quincy Brown (son of Sean "Diddy" Combs) narrates this five-episode half-hour docuseries in which, via interviews and hours of exclusive MTV footage, the children of legendary music artists take fans on a tour of the famous musicians' most celebrated moments, offering perspectives and untold stories only their kids could provide. Among those featured are Andrew Hagar (son of Van Halen's Sammy Hagar), Bailey Cypheridge (daughter of Melissa Etheridge), C.J. Wallace (son of The Notorious B.I.G.), Briahna Fatone (daughter of 'N Sync's Joey Fatone) and more.

9-1-1: Lone Star

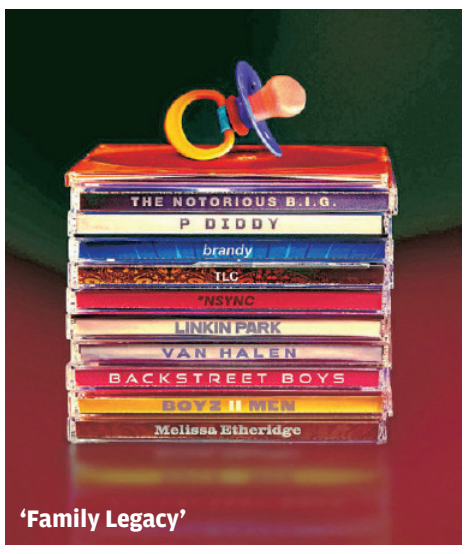
FOX, 7 p.m.

Tommy (Gina Torres) deals with church gossipers over her relationship with Pastor Trevor (guest star DB Woodside) in the new episode "Tongues Out."

Night Court

NBC, 7 p.m.

In "When Abby Met Gabby," Neil's (Kapil Talwalkar) crush on Abby (Melissa Rauch) is making things uncomfortable for everyone,



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but Abby sees a way out when she meets an unrequited love from his past who just happens to be newly available (guest star Melissa Villasenor). Meanwhile, Gurgs (Lacretta) fails to protect Dan (John Larroquette) from an unruly member of the gallery and vows to never let him down again.

Lopez vs. Lopez

NBC, 7:30 p.m.

The sitcom moves to a new night and time to close out its first season (the season finale is May 9). In tonight's episode, "Lopez vs. Corte Caliente," there's no order in the court when George (George Lopez) and Rosie (Selenis Leyva) ask a TV judge to resolve their dispute. Meanwhile, Mayan (Mayan Lopez) and Quinten (Matt Shively) enroll Chance (Brice Gonzalez) in folklorico dance classes.

The Rookie: Feds

ABC, 8 p.m.

In "Bloodline," the FBI takes on a case involving a serial murderer who has been leaving limbs across state lines.

Accused

FOX, 8 p.m.

A limo driver's infatuation with one of his riders leads him down a dark path in the new episode "Samir's Story."

The Wall

NBC, 8 p.m.

Engaged couple Turner and Shelby, representing Northglenn, Colorado, participate in a faceoff with the Wall, and a special guest makes an appearance.

My Grandparents' War

PBS, 8 p.m.

Watch as actor Toby Jones uncovers the remarkable World War II stories of his maternal grandparents, who rarely spoke about their wartime experiences when he was growing up. He learns how their love endured despite the hardships they faced.

Will Trent

ABC, 9 p.m.

In "Nothing Changed Except for Everything," Will (Ramon Rodriguez) and Faith (Iantha Richardson) partner up with Ormewood (Jake McLaughlin) to investigate a string of serial-killer cases.

Weakest Link

NBC, 9 p.m.

An attorney, a standardized patient and a mailman join five other strangers in a high-stakes game of trivia, with a chance for one of them to take home up to $1 million.

Frontline

PBS, 9 p.m.

A three-part investigation into how missteps during America's 20-year investment in Afghanistan culminated in a disastrous Taliban victory concludes with this episode.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE

'Ford v Ferrari'

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Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls (1995, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Ian McNeice **AMC, 5 p.m.**

Killer Rivalry (2022, Suspense) Anna Marie Dobbins, Logan Rudolph **LMN, 5 p.m.**

Taking a Shot at Love (2021, Romance) Alexa PenaVega, Luke Macfarlane **Hallmark, 5 p.m.**

Are We There Yet? (2005, Children) Ice Cube, Nia Long **VH1, 6 p.m.**

Ford v Ferrari (2019, Historical drama) Matt Damon, Christian Bale **FX, 6 p.m.**

The Irresistible Blueberry Farm (2016, Drama) Alison Sweeney, Marc Blucas **Hallmark Movies & Mysteries, 6 p.m.**

A Paris Proposal (2023, Romance-comedy) Alexa PenaVega, Nicholas Bishop **Hallmark, 7 p.m.**

Deadly Cheers (2021, Suspense) Katherine Marsh, Camille Calvin **LMN, 7 p.m.**

The Day After Tomorrow (2004, Action) Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal **Paramount, 7 p.m.**

Uncle Buck (1989, Comedy) John Candy, Amy Madigan **AMC, 7 p.m.**

Finding Love in Mountain View (2020, Romance) Danielle C. Ryan, Myko Olivier **Hallmark Movies & Mysteries, 8 p.m.**

Are My Friends Killers? (2022, Suspense) Jalina Brown, Shaylaren Hilton **LMN, 9 p.m.**

CATCH A CLASSIC

Warner Bros. 100th Anniversary Celebration: Studio Contract Players (Actresses)

TCM, beginning at 5 a.m.

Turner Classic Movies' monthlong celebration of the legendary Warner Bros. studio's centennial continues with one last Tuesday lineup of films featuring great female stars associated with WB as contract players. Leading things off is Alexis Smith in 1946's **Night and Day (pictured)** and **San Antonio** (1945), followed by Eleanor Parker in **Pride of the Marines** (1945) and **Caged** (1950); Carroll Baker in **Baby Doll** (1956) and **Cheyenne Autumn** (1964); Doris Day in her feature-film debut, **Romance on the High Seas** (1948) — which is preceded by the 1936 Merrie Melodies short **Don't Look Now,** directed by legendary animator Tex Avery — and **Calamity Jane** (1953); Natalie Wood in **Inside Daisy Clover** (1965) and **Sex and the Single Girl** (1964); and Patricia

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Neal in **Bright Leaf** (1950) and **The Breaking Point** (1950).

From the editors of TV Weekly and tvinsider.com

TCM	★★★ **Grey Gardens** ('75, Documentary) Former socialites become recluses in decrepit mansion.			★★★ **La Promesse** ('96, Drama) (Jéré teenager befriends a widowed illegal i			
TLC	My Knees *N*		Skin/Peeling *N*		My Baby Weighs *N*		Body/Shai
TNT	NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Boston Celtics. *N*				In NBA *N*		★★★ Shar
TRAVEL	Delicious	Delicious	Bizarre Foods/Zimmern		Best Bars	Best Bars	Delicious
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TV Q&A

Is that really Mayhem actor's brother in TV ad for Allstate?

By Rich Heldenfels
Tribune News Service

Dean Winters, above, portrays Mayhem in commercials for Allstate. His real-life brother Scott William Winters joins him in a basketball spot. **DIMITRIOS KAMBOURIS/GETTY 2022**

Q: In a commercial for an insurance company there is a spokesman known as Mayhem. In the latest ad, he plays basketball against his brother. They look related. Are they brothers in real life?
A: Yes. Dean Winters — known for acting roles on "30 Rock," "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" and other productions — has long been Mayhem in ads for Allstate insurance. In the basketball spot, Mayhem's brother is played by Winters' real-life brother Scott William Winters, who is also an actor known for roles on "NCIS," "Law & Order: SVU" and other shows. The Winters have teamed on-screen before, notably playing brothers on the HBO drama "Oz."

Q: I just watched an episode of "FBI: International" with a character who resembled Charles Korvin, the mambo teacher in a classic "Honeymooners" episode. My husband says no, but I think I'm right. There's a week of dishwashing for the loser.
A: You had better get out the dish soap. Korvin died in 1998 at age 90.

Q: About 10 years ago, there was a TV show named "Motive." The main stars were Kristin Lehman and Louis Ferreira. I would like to see or purchase the few seasons that it showed. Can you help?
A: The Canadian-made drama ran for four seasons in 2013-16. You can find the episodes on Amazon Freevee, the ad-supported streaming service (also available via amazon.com), and for digital purchase on Amazon Prime Video, Vudu and Apple TV+.

Q: I really enjoyed the three seasons of "Master of None" on Netflix. Any idea if there will be a fourth season?
A: The show starring series co-creator Aziz Ansari for two seasons, and Lena Waithe and Naomi Ackie in a third, has not produced any new episodes since 2021. And I have not seen any announcement of a fourth season. That said, four years passed between the second season and the revised third season (titled "Master of None Presents: Moments in Love"). And in this hey-that-old-show-is-back era, I wouldn't rule out Ansari getting an idea for more "Master" episodes down the road.

Q: I recall one of the most suspenseful movies from the mid-late '60s, called "Experiment in Terror." I don't recall the lead actors. But a man with a scary breathing issue pursued a woman throughout the movie. Any possibility this movie will show up on the Movies! TV Network, or is it available on DVD or some streaming service?
A: The movie, from 1962, starred Glenn Ford, Lee Remick and Ross Martin, and was directed by Blake Edwards. While I can't be sure where it might be televised, it has been released on DVD. And digital sources include Amazon Prime Video, Vudu and Apple TV+.

Q: Is "The Rockford Files" available anywhere?
A: Amazon Freevee, previously mentioned, has the classic private-eye drama starring James Garner. So does the Roku Channel. There have also been DVD and Blu-ray releases.

Do you have a question or comment about entertainment past, present and future? Write to Rich Heldenfels, P.O. Box 417, Mogadore, OH 44260, or brenfels@gmail.com. Letters may be edited.

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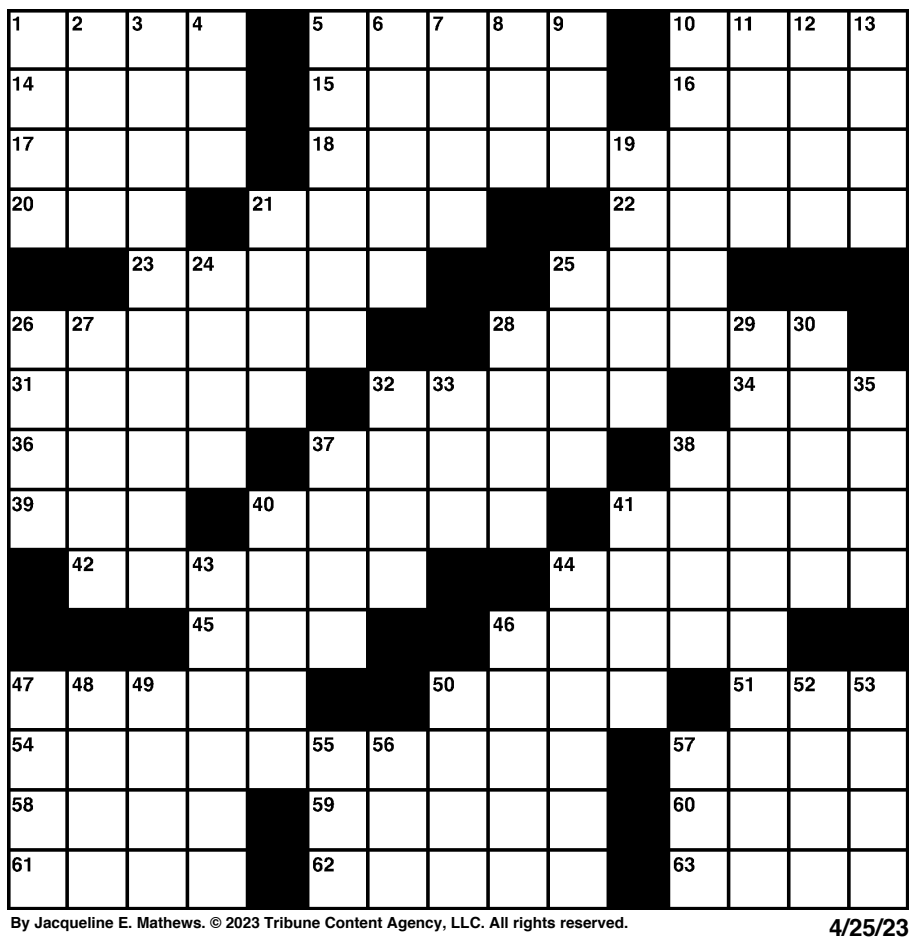

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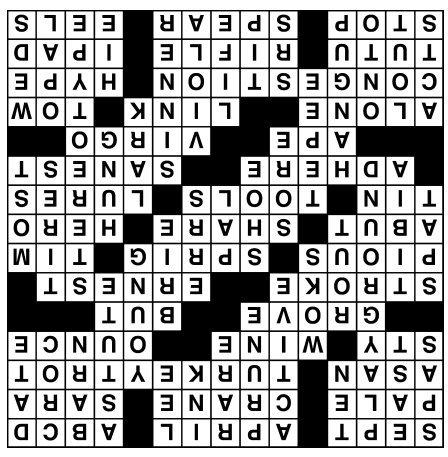
ACROSS
1 Five months from now: abbr.
5 "__ showers bring May flowers"
10 Opening foursome
14 Like pastel shades
15 Wading bird
16 Poet Teasdale
17 As big __ elephant
18 Ragtime dance
20 Swine abode
21 Passover beverage
22 Small weight
23 Orchard
25 However
26 Golf swing
28 Mr. Hemingway
31 Religious
32 Bit of parsley
34 McGraw or Daly
36 Border on
37 Stock purchase
38 Rescuer
39 Fruitcake container
40 Implements
41 Entices
42 Cling; stick
44 Least loony
45 Ridicule
46 Zodiac sign
47 By yourself
50 Connection
51 Disabled car's need
54 Cold symptom
57 Excessive publicity
58 Ballerina's item
59 Winchester, for one
60 Apple tablet
61 Halt
62 Thrusting weapon
63 Morays & congers

DOWN
1 Pricey hotel amenities
2 Compass point
3 Schoolyard
4 Half a score
5 On the go
6 Dried fruit
7 Seldom seen
8 Cuttlefish secretion
9 Marvin or Majors
10 Perceptive
11 Horse house
12 Gator's cousin
13 Info on a check
19 Not yet mature
21 Stir-fry pans
24 Overwhelming defeat
25 French cheese
26 Falling-out
27 Part of the leg
28 Isn't accurate
29 Categorize unfairly
30 Michelin products
32 Clog or moccasin
33 Comrade
35 Lion's share
37 Miffed
38 Like some juries
40 Cone-shaped home
41 Songbird
43 End a phone conversation
44 Wrongdoer
46 Stringed instrument
47 __ up; misbehaves
48 Slob
49 Hang __; keep
50 Board game
52 Milky gem
53 Marries
55 Final-yr. students
56 Helpful hint
57 Run fast

Solutions

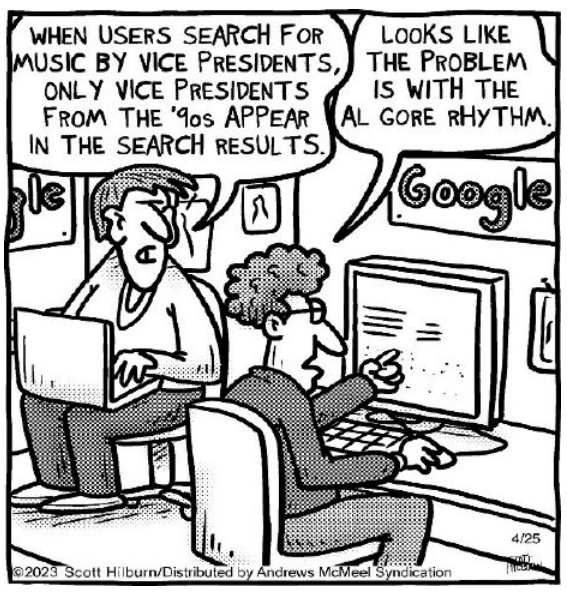


Horoscopes

Today's birthday (April 25): Plot to realize dreams this year. Pull together with friends for greater connection, collaboration and ease. Springtime muses inspire backstage creativity. Share support and partnership with summer changes, energizing your physical performance this autumn.
Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Household issues require attention. Make repairs and manage chores. Complete lingering domestic projects.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Learn from an experienced teacher. Take on a project you've delayed. Words flow like running water. Get productive with creative projects.
Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Lucrative potential pays off with consistent action. Follow up on recent connections. Keep producing great results. You're energized to take advantage of lucky conditions.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Take extra time for yourself today. Handle a personal project you've been putting off. Indulge your favorite activities and diversions.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Settle into a peaceful, private place to focus on your fascinating plans. Learn from the past. Consider new possibilities. Imagine, invent and envision.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Connect with friends. Collaborate for common gain and make extra advances. Teamwork can accomplish amazing results.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Consider the bigger picture, with your career. You can get especially productive today. Maintain momentum. Complete projects to clear space for what's next.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Make a long-distance connection. Advance your research by leaps and bounds. Push boundaries and limitations. The work you're doing helps to fulfill a larger vision.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Profits abound. Collaborate for shared support and rewards. Contribute time, talent and funding for your joint venture. Generate and celebrate positive cash flow.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Deepen the bonds of a partnership. Discover something new about someone familiar. Collaboration comes easily. Bounce ideas off each other.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. The work you've been doing reflects you well. Maintain healthy practices for strength and endurance. Nurture your mind, body and spirit for energized performance.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. "Shower the people you love with love. Show them the way that you feel," sang James Taylor. Serenade from your heart. Have fun together.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn


WHEN USERS SEARCH FOR MUSIC BY VICE PRESIDENTS, ONLY VICE PRESIDENTS FROM THE '90s APPEAR IN THE SEARCH RESULTS.
LOOKS LIKE THE PROBLEM IS WITH THE AL GORE RHYTHM.
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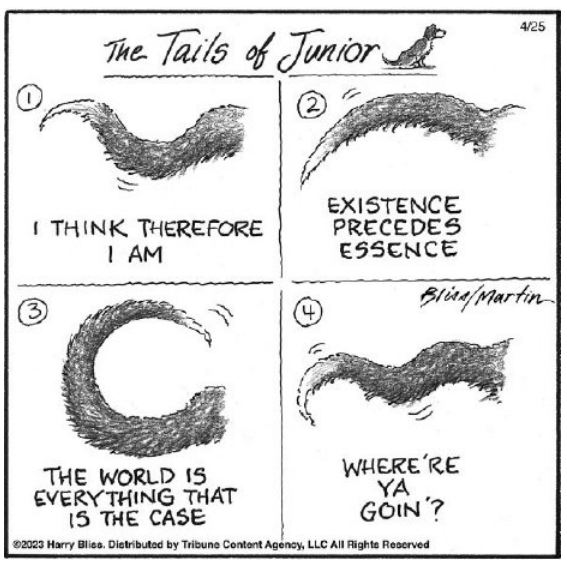
Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Neither vulnerable, West deals

	North ♠ Q 8 3 ♥ A 4 ♦ A Q 10 8 4 ♣ A K 5	
West ♠ K 10 7 5 ♥ K J 9 ♦ 3 ♣ Q J 10 8 2		East ♠ 4 ♥ Q 10 8 6 5 3 2 ♦ J 9 6 ♣ 9 6
	South ♠ A J 9 6 2 ♥ 7 ♦ K 7 5 2 ♣ 7 4 3	

This was the bidding during a recent tournament in Australia. It seems a bit pushy to us, starting with West's opening bid, but it resulted in an excellent slam contract.

South won the opening heart lead with dummy's ace and drew trumps in three rounds, ending in his hand. He led a low spade to dummy's queen as West correctly ducked his king. South led a low spade from dummy and was disappointed to see East show out. Declarer played the nine of spades from his hand, losing to West's 10. West continued hearts, ruffed in hand, and South had a problem. He could ruff a spade to set up the fifth spade, but he could no longer get back to it. Instead, he led a club to dummy's ace and cashed a high trump. This was the position:

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♣	Dbl	1♥	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦

All pass

Opening lead: Nine of ♥

	North ♠ 8 ♥ Void ♦ 4 ♣ K 5	
West ♠ K 7 ♥ Void ♦ Void ♣ Q J		East ♠ Void ♥ Q 10 8 ♦ Void ♣ 9
	South ♠ A J 6 ♥ Void ♦ Void ♣ 7	

South led dummy's last diamond, discarding a spade, and West could not defend the position. West chose to discard a club, so South led a spade to his ace. He led a club back to dummy's king and cashed the five of clubs for his twelfth trick. Well done!

— Bob Jones
Tribune Content Agency

Grand Avenue By Mike Thompson

BAD BOY, RUDY! GO LIE DOWN.
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GO LIE DOWN IN YOUR BED AND JUST STAY THERE.
THOMPSON
MAYBE I SHOULD BE BAD MORE OFTEN.
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Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

DARRYL, ANOTHER HOUSE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WAS BURGLARIZED!
NO KIDDING.
THAT'S THREE HOUSES IN ONE WEEK!
WOW.
COULD OUR RUSTY OLD NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SIGN HAVE LOST ITS CRIME-FIGHTING MOJO?
THIS IS SERIOUS!
NEIGHBOR HOOD WATCH
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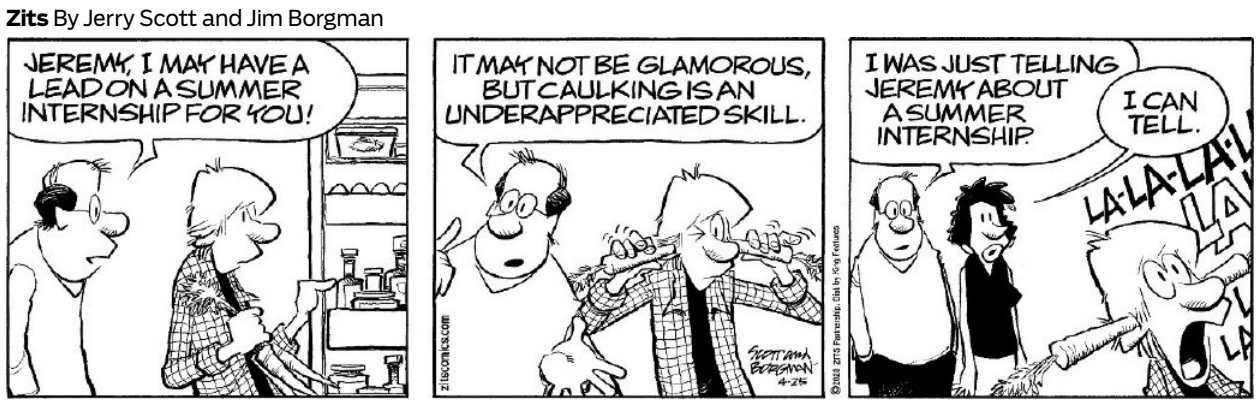
Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman


JEREMY, I MAY HAVE A LEAD ON A SUMMER INTERNSHIP FOR YOU!
IT MAY NOT BE GLAMOROUS, BUT CAULKING IS AN UNDERAPPRECIATED SKILL.
I WAS JUST TELLING JEREMY ABOUT A SUMMER INTERNSHIP.
I CAN TELL.
LA-LA-LA!
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Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin

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I'M IN THAT GREY AREA BETWEEN HIRED AND FIRED
YOU GOT THE JOB?!
JOE MARTIN 4-25-23

Frazz By Jef Mallett

LOOK. BUYING MY COFFEE FROM A DRIVE-THRU IS NOT CHEATING.
4-25
IF THERE'S A RESOURCE AVAILABLE TO STREAMLINE MY LIFE AND I CHOOSE TO USE IT, THAT'S MY PREROGATIVE.
SO...
DID SHE LET YOU USE A CALCULATOR FOR YOUR MULTIPLICATION QUIZ?
I WAS SO CLOSE.
MALLETT

Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz

HEY, CAT!
4/25
MY LITTLE FRIEND HERE, WANTS TO CHALLENGE YOU!
HE SAYS HE'LL MEET YOU ANY TIME, ANY PLACE!
LIKE, ESPECIALLY THIRTY FEET IN THE AIR!
SCHULZ

Pickles By Brian Crane

GUESS WHAT? TODAY IS THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE RED HAT SOCIETY!
IT'S AN ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN OVER FIFTY.
WE WEAR OUTRAGEOUS RED HATS AND CRAZY PURPLE DRESSES AND GO OUT TO LUNCH!
SORRY. NO MEN ARE ALLOWED.
4/25
I'LL GET OVER IT.

Dick Tracy By Shelley Pleger and Mike Curtis

B.O. PLENTY, YOU HAVE AN AMAZING FAMILY.
HOW SO, MR. DACY?
YOUR DAUGHTER AND MANY OF YOUR RELATIVES ARE STRIKINGLY BEAUTIFUL, AND YOU'RE SO... UNIQUE!
I AM THAT!
PLEGER CURTIS
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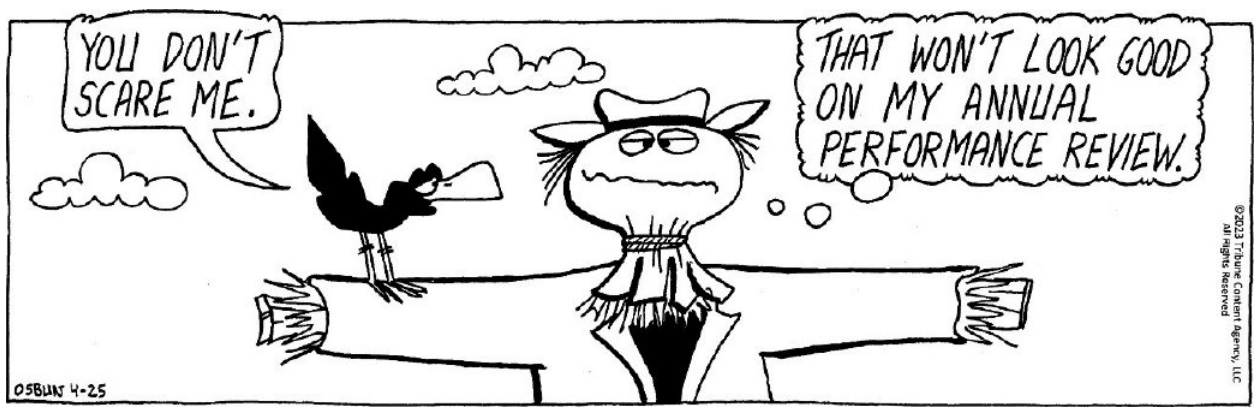
BUT ENOUGH ABOUT ME. THE BIG NEWS IS ABOUT MY HEN. SHE'S GONNA BE IN COMMERCIALS WITH COUSIN KLINIQUE!

Animal Crackers By Mike Osbun


YOU DON'T SCARE ME.
THAT WON'T LOOK GOOD ON MY ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW.
OSBUN 4-25
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Prickly City By Scott Stantis

ARE YOU RUNNING OR NOT, PRESIDENT BIDEN?!?!?
MALARKEY!
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WHAT DOES THAT EVEN MEAN?
TO BE FAIR, THAT'S PRETTY MUCH ON BRAND FOR HIM...
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Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker

I NEED TO DO SOME SITUPS.
UUUUGGGGGHHHH!
I NEED TO BUY SOME BIGGER SHIRTS.
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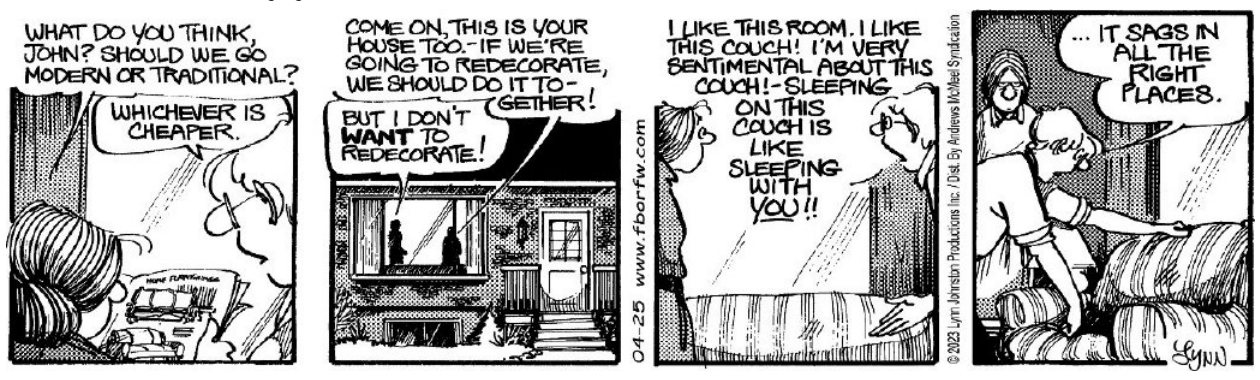
For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston


WHAT DO YOU THINK, JOHN? SHOULD WE GO MODERN OR TRADITIONAL?
WHICHEVER IS CHEAPER.
COME ON, THIS IS YOUR HOUSE TOO. - IF WE'RE GOING TO REDECORATE, WE SHOULD DO IT TO-GETHER!
BUT I DON'T WANT TO REDECORATE!
I LIKE THIS ROOM. I LIKE THIS COUCH! I'M VERY SENTIMENTAL ABOUT THIS COUCH! - SLEEPING ON THIS COUCH IS LIKE SLEEPING WITH YOU!!
... IT SAGS IN ALL THE RIGHT PLACES.
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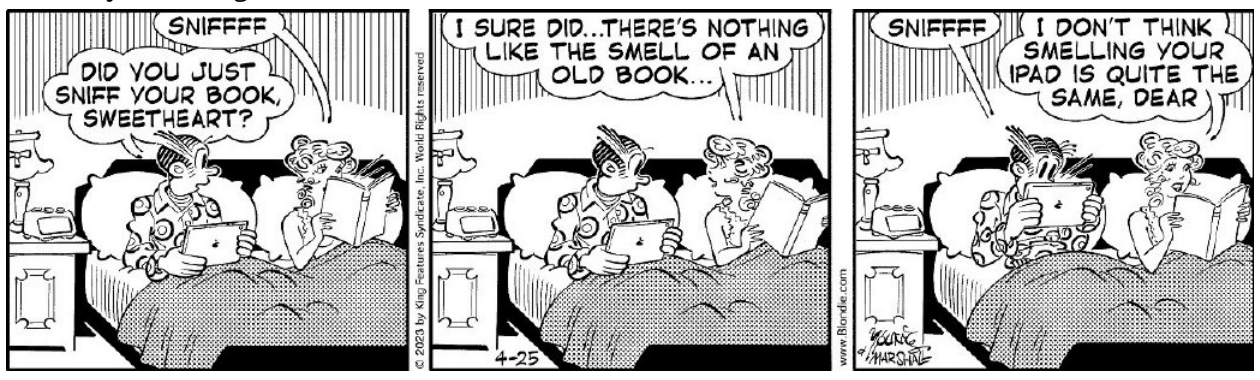
Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall


SNIFFFF
DID YOU JUST SNIFF YOUR BOOK, SWEETHEART?
I SURE DID...THERE'S NOTHING LIKE THE SMELL OF AN OLD BOOK...
SNIFFFF
I DON'T THINK SMELLING YOUR IPAD IS QUITE THE SAME, DEAR
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YOUNG MARSHALL

Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne

I HAVE A RASH ON MY ANKLE AND STOMACH!
OH, COME ON! THIS IS A LONG TRIP! LET'S HAVE A CONVERSATION I CARE ABOUT!
THE RASH SPREAD TO YOUR NOSE!
WHAT? ARE YOU SERIOUS?
NO, BUT IT WAS FUN TO SEE YOU SUDDENLY CARE!
HA HA HA
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BROWNE

Mutts By Patrick McDonnell

Oooooo...
WHAT'S WRONG, MOOCH?
EVERYTHING IS IN DISHARRAY. I FEEL ALL "MOOSHA MOOCH."
MY LITTLE PINK SOCK IS IN THE WASH!
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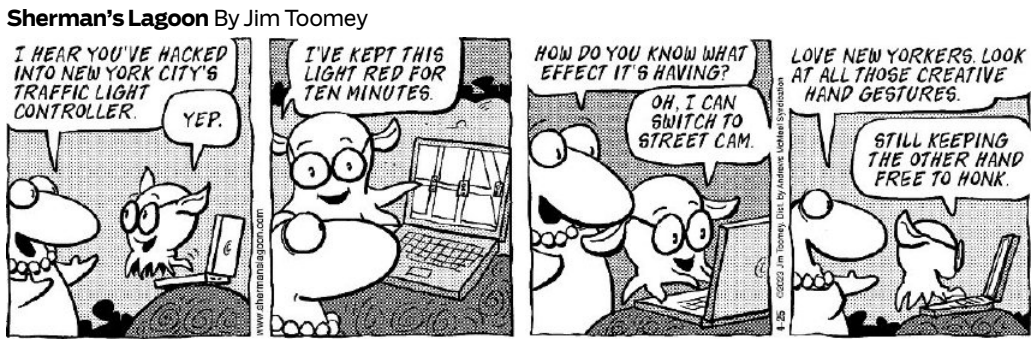
Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey


I HEAR YOU'VE HACKED INTO NEW YORK CITY'S TRAFFIC LIGHT CONTROLLER.
YEP.
I'VE KEPT THIS LIGHT RED FOR TEN MINUTES.
HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT EFFECT IT'S HAVING?
OH, I CAN SWITCH TO STREET CAM.
LOVE NEW YORKERS. LOOK AT ALL THOSE CREATIVE HAND GESTURES.
STILL KEEPING THE OTHER HAND FREE TO HONK.
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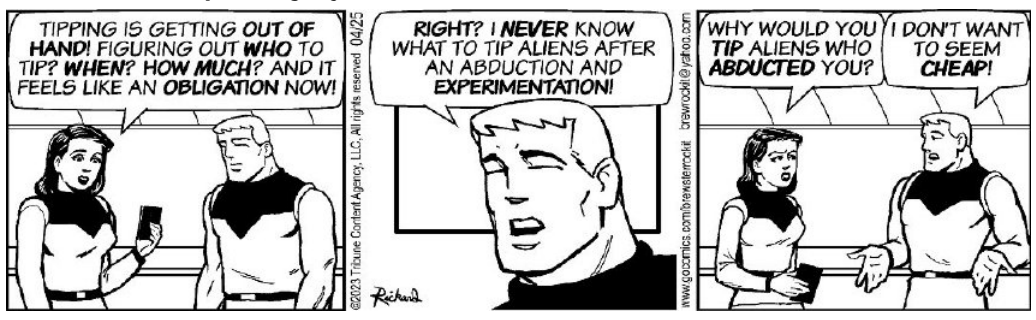
Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard


TIPPING IS GETTING OUT OF HAND! FIGURING OUT WHO TO TIP? WHEN? HOW MUCH? AND IT FEELS LIKE AN OBLIGATION NOW!
RIGHT? I NEVER KNOW WHAT TO TIP ALIENS AFTER AN ABDUCTION AND EXPERIMENTATION!
WHY WOULD YOU TIP ALIENS WHO ABDUCTED YOU?
I DON'T WANT TO SEEM CHEAP!
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Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers

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IT'S OK! I GOT YOU!
AUNTIE BROOM'S QUICKSAND RESCUE SERVICE. REASONABLE RATES
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Trivia Bits

Who voices the character of Bart Simpson?

A) Nancy Cartwright
B) Dan Castellaneta
C) Yeardley Smith
D) Tracey Ullman

Monday's answer: Six-year-old Tricia Nixon named the Nixon family dog Checkers.

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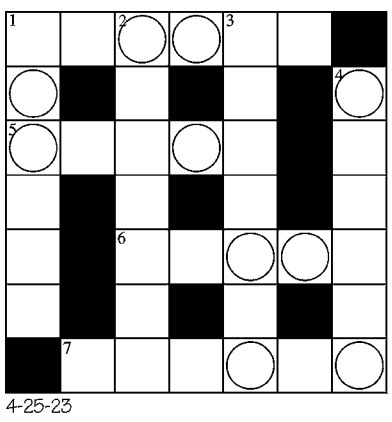
Jumble Crossword



ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Memorable	ACHCTY
5. Honeydew ___	NOMLE
6. ___ Barkin	NLLEE
7. Turbulent, blustery	SOMYTR

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Force to act	PCEMLO
2. Everest adjective	ETLASLT
3. Manager, trainer	LDREHAN
4. Grumpy	RAKCYN

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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CLUE: Honda produced its first ____ in 1949.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Catchy 5A-Melon 6A-Ellen 7A-Stormy 1D-Compel 2D-Tallest 3D-Handler 4D-Cranky 5D-Motorcycle

By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1234

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7								3
3		9			4		8	2
					5	6		
		1		9				
	6		5		1		3	
				8		9		
		2	9					
4	3		2			8		9
8			6					5

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

1	2	3	5	4	9	8	7	6
9	7	5	3	8	6	1	2	4
8	6	4	7	2	1	5	3	9
2	9	8	1	6	4	7	5	3
4	3	6	2	7	5	9	1	8
7	5	1	8	9	3	4	6	2
3	8	7	4	5	2	6	9	1
5	1	9	6	3	8	2	4	7
6	4	2	9	1	7	3	8	5

Monday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

HSSUI

NITEW

RPDYOA

NRGUDO

Get the free JUST JUMBLE app • Follow us on Twitter @PlayJumble
We all have our moments. Just know how important you are to all of us.
I'm happy during the day but sad when everyone leaves.
4 25
THE MOODY STAIRCASE WAS HAVING ITS ---

Answer here

Monday's answers

Jumbles: MOMMY RAVEN BANANA HANDLE
Answer: Words like "hostile, vicious, malicious, rude, etc." — MEAN MEAN

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Crossword

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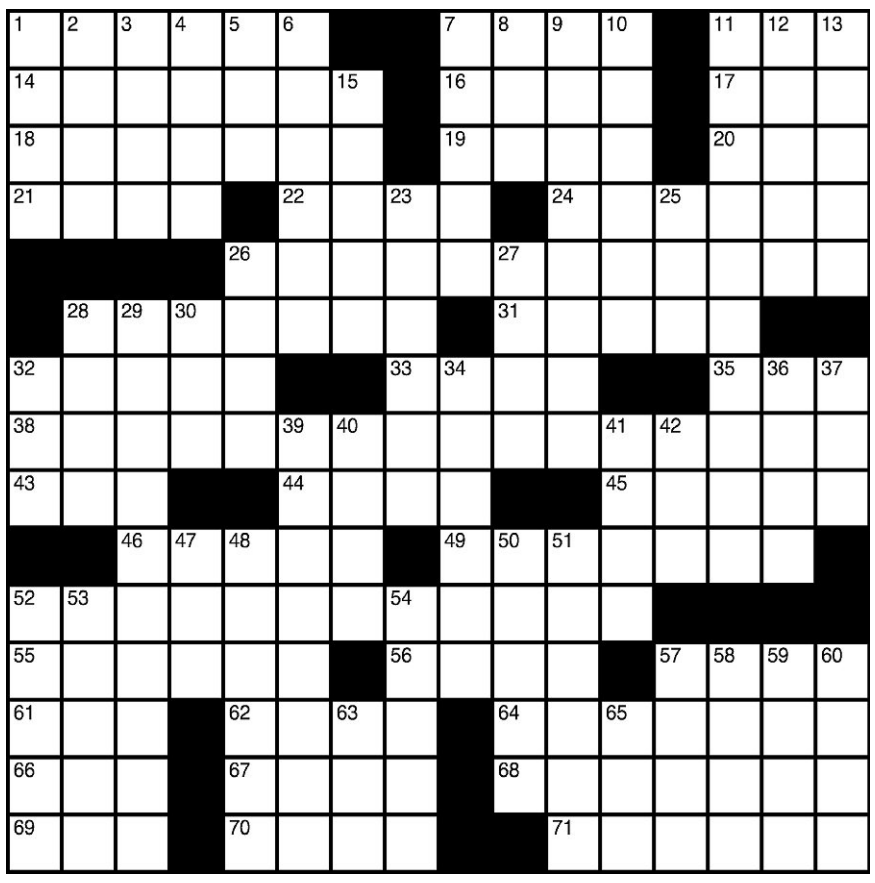

Across

1 American marsupial, familiarly
7 "__, Brute?"
11 Swimmer's unit
14 Military maneuvers?
16 Speckled horse
17 Rideshare driver's guess
18 Slopes accessory
19 French pals
20 Oinker's pen
21 Autocorrect target
22 Online store icon
24 TV collie
26 Inauguration text
28 "Searching for Italy" host Tucci
31 Stackable cookies
32 Bagel-shaped
33 Jog
35 X-ray kin
38 Baha Men hit single
43 Alley-__ pass
44 Unsubtle actors
45 Buenos __
46 One on the Pacific Crest Trail, say
49 Revolved around
52 Dystopian thriller starring Charlton Heston
55 Get started on, as a problem
56 Ear-related
57 Border
61 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup champs
62 Airbnb alternative
64 Ad campaign featuring white mustaches, and a hint to the starts of the answers to 18-, 26-, 38-, and 52-Across
66 Put down
67 Currier and __
68 "Forget it!"
69 Chicago-to-Orlando dir.
70 State bird of Hawaii
71 Holiday treats served with applesauce

Monday's solution

Down

1 Attention-getting hiss
2 Like wine aged in certain barrels
3 __ of the tongue
4 Japanese wrestling form
5 The NBA's Jazz, on scoreboards
6 Smoky liquor made from agave
7 Muse of poetry
8 Celebrity chef Colicchio
9 Customize for
10 Treacherous
11 "You're trying too hard"
12 Scary story?
13 Venmo recipient
15 Enjoy the roller rink
23 Part of R&B
25 Bay Area hub, for short
26 __ in a blue moon
27 Comestibles
28 NYC nabe near Little Italy
29 Place to store cups and bowls?
30 Feel unwell
32 Pair
34 Vacation spot
36 Regretted
37 "__ go time!"
39 "I can't believe they did that!"
40 Like Key lime pie
41 Acquire
42 Word often said while holding a treat
47 Kind
48 Temperature unit
50 1952-2022, for Queen Elizabeth II
51 "Don't embarrass me"
52 Small earrings
53 Fertile desert spot
54 Bird in a gaggle
57 Let off
58 NBA great Nowitzki
59 Mirth
60 Squeezes (out)
63 Actor Kingsley
65 Airport safety gp.

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Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit *www.sudoku.org.uk.*

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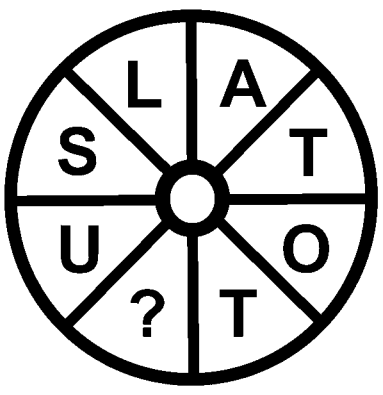

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

SUBTOTAL

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: SNL cast members 285

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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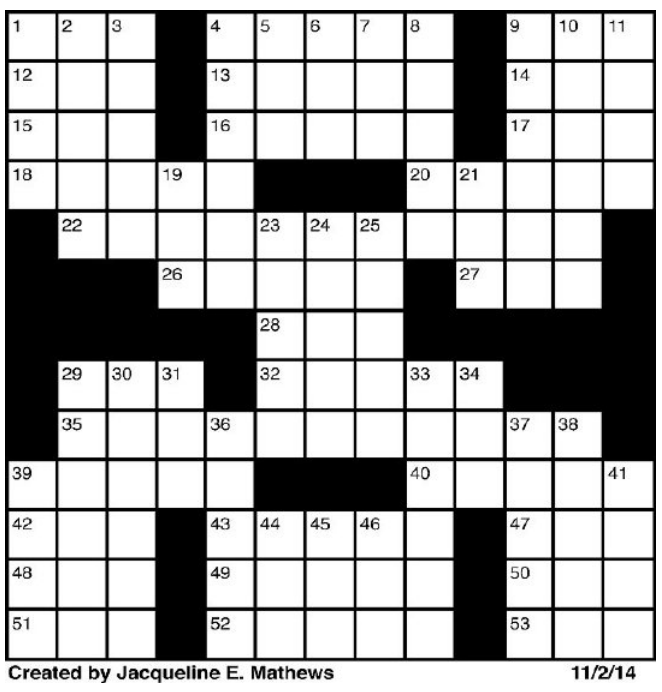

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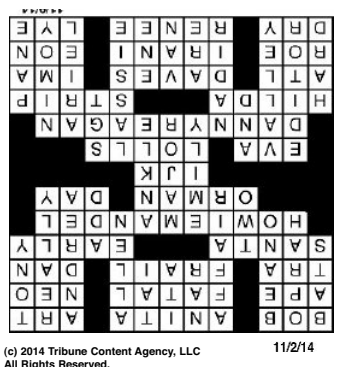
ACROSS
1 Barker or Hope
4 Lt. __ Van Buren; role for S. Epatha Merkerson, once
9 Mr. Linkletter
12 King Kong, for one
13 "__ Attraction"; film for Glenn Close and Michael Douglas
14 Prefix meaning "modern"
15 "...flowers that bloom in the spring, __ la..."
16 Weak and delicate
17 Rather of "60 Minutes"
18 "__ Barbara"; old daytime serial
20 "__ Edition"; Kyle Chandler series
22 Judge on "America's Got Talent"
26 "The Suze __ Show"
27 "Queen for a __"
28 FGH followers
29 Actress Longoria
32 Lounges around
35 Role on "Blue Bloods"
39 Ana Ortiz's role on "Ugly Betty"
40 "Studio 60 on the Sunset __"
42 Georgia's capital: abbr.
43 "__ World"; sitcom for Harry Anderson
47 "__ Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here!"
48 Fish eggs
49 Tehran resident
50 Long, long time
51 Parched
52 Actress Zellweger
53 Alkali in some cleaning solutions

DOWN
1 Cave fliers
2 Ms. Winfrey
3 Gas-reducing dietary supplement
4 "Family __"; Brian Keith series
5 VP Rockefeller's monogram
6 Give __ go; attempt
7 Skater __ Babilonia
8 Steve or Woody
9 Mitchell or McArdle
10 Question from a doubter
11 Actor Danza
19 "__ and a Half Men"
21 Find a sum
23 Actress Procter
24 "__ Dad"
25 Leg-foot connector
29 Magazine bigwig
30 "The Big __"; old western series
31 "Parks __ Recreation"
33 Long-running series about a collie
34 Bilko or Joe Friday: abbr.
36 Lowest point
37 Lead character in "The Little Mermaid"
38 Mr. Spock's original portrayer
39 "__ Copy"; newsmagazine series of old
41 Piece of window glass
44 "Who Do You Think You __?"
45 Mario __ Peebles
46 180˚ from WSW



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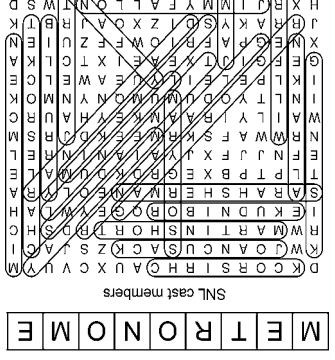

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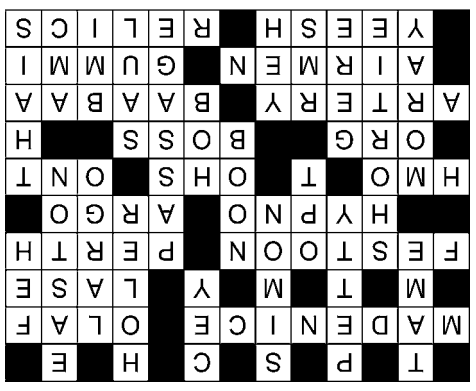

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

I hate to brag, but the Cubs asked me to play the national anthem. I'm kind of a big deal.
All your hot air must help your playing.
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THE TRUMPET PLAYER WITH THE BIG EGO WOULD OFTEN ---

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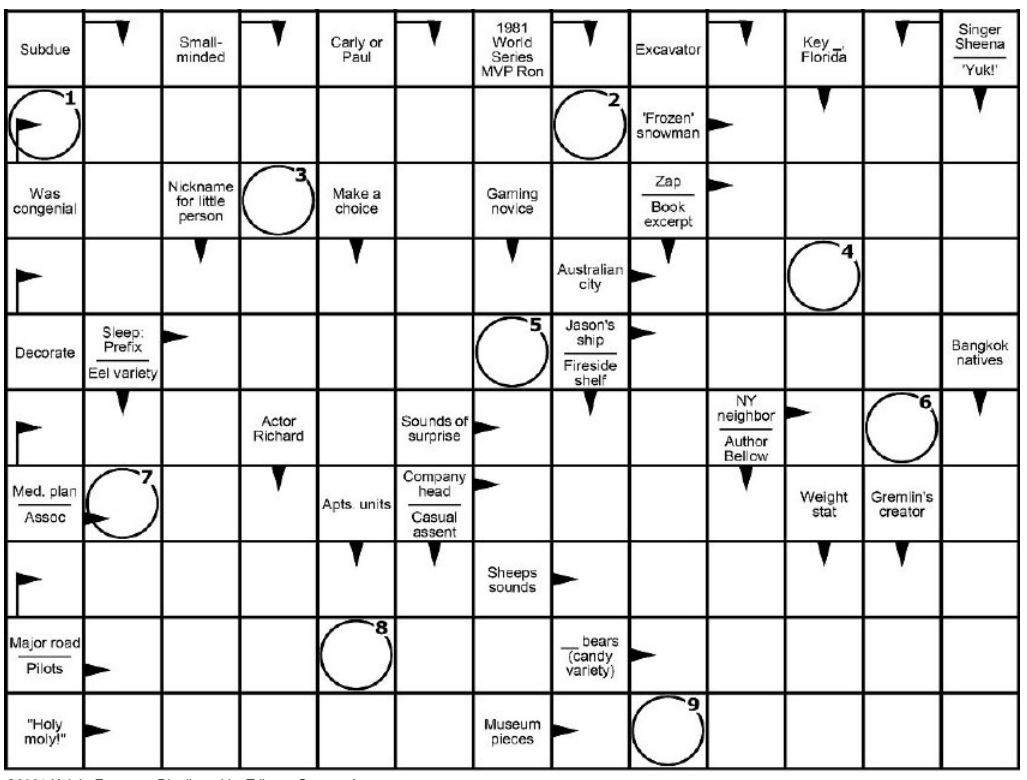
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

HIS

Jumbles: THINK MOOSE NOTION WETTER
Answer: The trumpet player with the big ego would often — TOOT HIS OWN HORN

ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.



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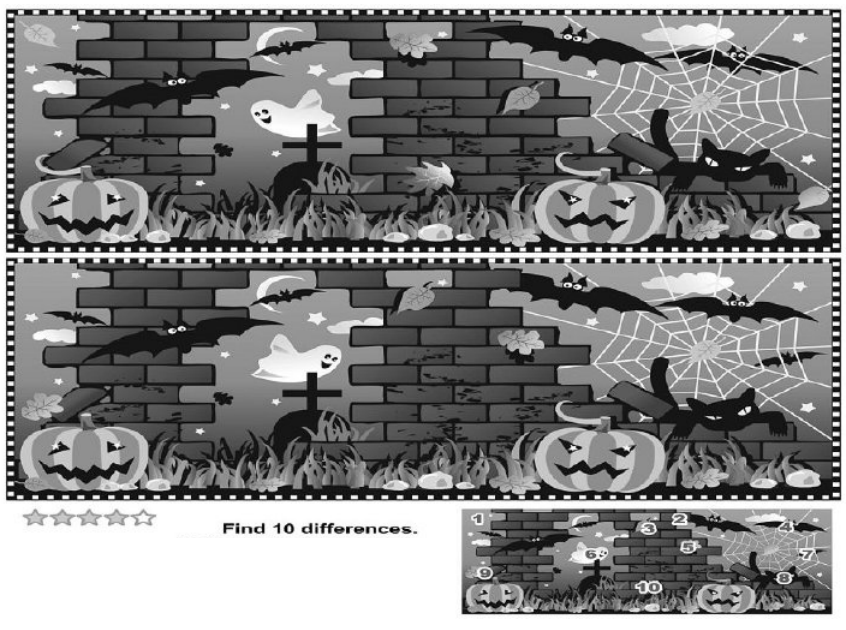

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PACK YOUR BAGS

Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers leaves the field after the Bears fell to the Packers on Dec. 4 at Soldier Field. **ERIN HOOLEY/ CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

It's over, Bears fans. Rodgers is out of Green Bay — and the NFC North.

Brad Biggs
On the Bears

The Packers will find out what it's like to enter a season without a franchise quarterback for the first time since 1992, when George H.W. Bush was president and a gallon of gas averaged $1.13.

A remarkable run of elite quarterback play that extended 31 seasons — beginning in 1992, when Ron Wolf traded for Brett Favre, and continuing after Ted Thompson drafted Aaron Rodgers in 2005 — has come to an end.

The Packers traded the 39-year-old Rodgers on Monday to the Jets, making Jordan Love, a first-round pick in 2020 by general manager Brian Gutekunst, the presumed starter.

The Halas Hall nightmare for the Bears is over as Rodgers, a four-time MVP and a shoo-in as a first-ballot Pro Football Hall of Fame selection, is no longer in the NFC North.

Rodgers was 25-5 as a starter against the Bears, including the NFC championship game after the 2010 season, amassing more wins against them than any quarterback in league history. He heads to the Jets, as Favre did via a trade in August 2008, having won eight consecutive games in the NFL's longest-running rivalry and 13 of the last 14.

Turn to Biggs, *Page 2*

Once-in-a-generation peace awaits local fans as nightmare era closes

By Colleen Kane | Chicago Tribune

Finally the day has come!

The Jets agreed to a deal to acquire Aaron Rodgers on Monday, officially ending the quarterback's 18-year run with the Green Bay Packers.

Exhale deeply, dear Bears fan. Rodgers' maddening 25-5 reign while starting for the Packers against Chicago is over.

All it took after years of waiting for this day was a wacky few more months of waiting — at its madcap peak when Jets cornerback Sauce Gardner took the cheesehead he got at Lambeau Field, tossed it into a backyard fire pit, declared it was turning into cheese sauce and filmed it all to recruit Rodgers.

Assume it was the melted cheesehead that cemented Rodgers' request to be traded to the Jets.

Or the bumpy 2022 season in Green Bay that led to Rodgers seriously contemplating retirement. Or Packers President and CEO Mark Murphy saying at a high school girls basketball state tournament that Rodgers could return next season "if things don't work out the way that we would want them (to)." Or the Jets bringing in Rodgers' old offensive coordinator Nathaniel Hackett and signing familiar wide receiver Allen Lazard. Or those texts from Rodgers' friends about the Packers shopping him, which *totally didn't offend him and make*

Turn to Rodgers, *Page 2*

BLUE JAYS 5, WHITE SOX 2

Jiménez turning things around, as Sox struggle

By LaMond Pope
Chicago Tribune

TORONTO — Eloy Jiménez was in a funk heading into the weekend series against the Rays.

The White Sox outfielder/designated hitter was 6-for-33 (.182) in his previous nine games, then struck out in his first two at-bats Friday.

His third trip to the plate, he connected on a Cooper Criswell slider for a solo home run to left. That homer had an exit velocity of 105.6 mph.

Jiménez topped it a day later with an exit velocity of 107.5 on a 434-foot homer during the second inning. The ball left the park in such a hurry that Rays left fielder Randy Arozarena didn't move.

Those were the first two homers of the season for Jiménez. Not that he was concerned about the drought.

"I'm not really thinking about power first," he said after Sunday's 4-1 loss to the Rays in St. Petersburg, Fla. "I think about hitting first, good contact, good at-bats, and I know the power is there. I don't need to worry about that."

Jiménez drove in the team's

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Beth Murphy, owner of Murphy's Bleachers at Waveland and Sheffield avenues, poses at the bar on Aug. 14, 2013. Murphy, 68, died Monday after a long bout with kidney cancer. **NANCY STONE/ CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Wrigleyville says bye to local legend in Murphy

By Paul Sullivan
Chicago Tribune

Beth Murphy, owner of Murphy's Bleachers, a popular bar among Cubs fans, was as well-known in Wrigleyville as some of the players.

Murphy's battles with the Cubs over rooftop owners' rights played out in newspapers and on local newscasts for years, pitting the small business owners against one of baseball's oldest and most valuable franchises.

It made Murphy a local celebrity and one of Wrigleyville's most respected business owners.

"She always valued the bar's contribution to the neighborhood," said Karen Cholipski, her longtime friend.

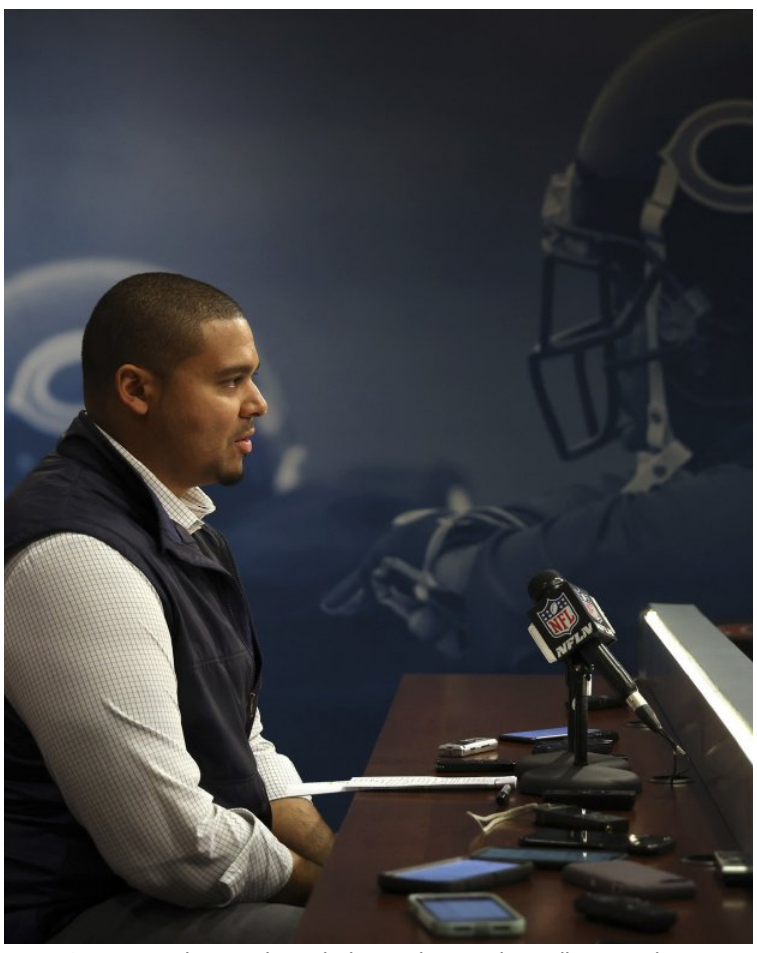
Murphy, 68, died Monday after a long bout with kidney cancer.

The bar announced her death on Twitter, saying she "peacefully passed away" in the morning. The marquee of the iconic bar at the corner of Waveland and Sheffield avenues simply said: "WE WILL MISS YOU BETH."

"She just always helped a neighbor out," said Freddy Fagenholz, general manager of Murphy's Bleachers. "Safety in the area was very important to her. Beth had a great product and she earned it. She made Murphy's Bleachers

Turn to Murphy, *Page 3*

Team	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CUBS	SD 6:40 p.m. | Marquee, MLBN	SD 6:40 p.m. | Marquee, MLBN	SD 1:20 p.m. | Marquee	@MIA 5:40 p.m. | Marquee	@MIA 3:05 p.m. | Fox-32
SOX	@TOR 6:07 p.m. | NBCSCH	@TOR 12:07 p.m. | NBCSCH, MLBN	TB 6:10 p.m. | NBCSCH, MLBN	TB 6:10 p.m. | NBCSCH	TB 6:10 p.m. | NBCSCH
FIRE					NYRB 7:30 p.m. | Apple TV+
RED STARS					WAS 7 p.m. | Paramount+



Bears GM Ryan Poles speaks with the media at Halas Hall on March 16. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

NFL DRAFT

With high pick, lots of locals, it bears watching

Chicago Tribune

After sitting out the first round a year ago, the Chicago Bears are once again central players in this week's NFL draft.

The Bears secured the No. 1 pick via their league-worst 3-14 record in 2022, then traded the top spot last month to the Carolina Panthers for a package of picks — including this year's No. 9 selection — and wide receiver DJ Moore.

Will general manager Ryan Poles continue to wheel and deal on draft night? Or will he stay put at No. 9 and look to beef up the team's offensive or defensive line?

Here's a look at the important details of the draft, including how to watch on TV, when the Bears will be picking and who the top local prospects are.

When is the NFL draft?

It starts on Thursday and runs through Saturday.

Where is it being held this year?

Outside of Union Station in Kansas City, Mo.

How to watch

Live draft coverage will air on ABC-7, ESPN, ESPN Deportes and NFL Network as well as the ESPN app. ABC and ESPN will have separate broadcasts the first two days and will simulcast Day 3 coverage.

Here's the TV schedule:

- Thursday (Round 1): 7 p.m.
- Friday (Rounds 2-3): 6 p.m.
- Saturday (Rounds 4-7): 11 a.m.

What time will the Bears pick?

Teams have 10 minutes to make first-round selections, so assuming the Bears don't trade out of the No. 9 position, the latest their pick would have to be in is 8:30 p.m. However, teams typically average about eight minutes per first-round pick, so 8:12 might be a closer approximation of when the Bears will submit their selection.

Bears 2023 picks

- Round 1, No. 9
- Round 2, No. 53
- Round 2, No. 61
- Round 3, No. 64
- Round 4, No. 103
- Round 4, No. 133
- Round 5, No. 136
- Round 5, No. 148
- Round 7, No. 218
- Round 7, No. 258

Previous No. 9 picks by the Bears

- 1941: Don Scott, HB, Ohio State
- 1943: Bob Steuber, HB, Missouri
- 1944: Ray Evans, HB, Kansas
- 1979: Al Harris, DE, Arizona State
- 2000: Brian Urlacher, LB, New Mexico
- 2016: Leonard Floyd, LB, Georgia

Local prospects to watch

Draft hopefuls from Illinois, Northwestern, Notre Dame and Illinois high schools, listed in projected draft order based on a consensus of seven-round mock drafts by The Athletic, CBS Sports, Draft Countdown, Drafttek, Pro Football Network and The Sporting News.

- Devon Witherspoon, CB, Illinois, 1st round
- Peter Skoronski, OL, Northwestern/Maine South, 1st
- Lukas Van Ness, edge, Iowa/Barrington, 1st
- Michael Mayer, TE, Notre Dame, 1st
- Isaiah Foskey, edge, Notre Dame, 1st-3rd
- Adetomiwa Adebawore, DL, Northwestern, 2nd
- John Michael Schmitz, C, Minnesota/Homewood-Flossmoor, 2nd
- Antonio Johnson, S, Texas A&M/East St. Louis, 2nd-3rd
- Sam LaPorta, TE, Iowa/Highland, Ill., 2nd-3rd
- Quan Martin, S, Illinois, 2nd-4th
- Sydney Brown, S, Illinois, 3rd-4th
- Jayden Reed, WR, Michigan State/Naperville Central/Metea Valley, 3rd-5th
- Jarrett Patterson, OL, Notre Dame, 3rd-6th
- Nick Broeker, OL, Mississippi/Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin, 4th-6th
- Chase Brown, RB, Illinois, 4th-6th
- Brandon Joseph, S, Notre Dame, 4th-6th
- Cameron Mitchell, CB, Northwestern/Bolingbrook, 4th-7th
- Charlie Jones, WR, Purdue/Deerfield, 4th-7th
- Aidan O'Connell, QB, Purdue/Stevenson, 4th-7th
- Evan Hull, RB, Northwestern, 5th-7th
- Jahleel Billingsley, TE, Texas/Phillips, 6th-UFA
- Tommy DeVito, QB, Illinois, 7th-UFA
- Calvin Avery, DL, Illinois, 7th-UFA
- Jason Lewan, edge, Illinois State/Yorkville, 7th-UFA
- Mariano Sori-Marin, LB, Minnesota/Providence, UFA
- Xazavian Valladay, RB, Arizona State/Brother Rice, UFA
- Dalton Wagner, OL, Arkansas/Richmond-Burton, UFA

Biggs

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Jets GM Joe Douglas, the former college scouting director for the Bears, gets his top target to replace Zach Wilson, the failed No. 2 pick in 2021. The Jets also will receive the No. 15 pick and a fifth-rounder (No. 170) in this week's draft and will give the Packers the No. 13 pick, a second-rounder (No. 42), a sixth-rounder (No. 207) and a conditional 2024 second-rounder that becomes a first-rounder if Rodgers plays 65% of the Jets' offensive plays this year, ESPN's Adam Schefter reported.

Rodgers used almost two months from the end of the NFL season, including a darkness retreat, to plot his future. Other potential destinations came off the table when the New Orleans Saints signed former Las Vegas Raiders quarterback Derek Carr and the Seattle Seahawks re-signed Geno Smith.

Rodgers had been irked by the Packers' hesitance and at times flat-out refusal to dip into free agency for help the past few years. They traded No. 1 wide receiver Davante Adams to the Raiders last offseason, and for the first time since Rodgers was a first-year starter in 2008, the offense sputtered as the Packers finished 8-9 and missed the playoffs.

Rodgers took his time before deciding to return to Green Bay last offseason, when the Packers signed him to a $150 million extension coming off his fourth MVP season. Now, nearly two decades after a high-ranking Bears executive said the Packers were about to find out what life is like for the majority of teams as Favre neared the end of his run, it's actually going to happen.

Favre was 22-10 as the Packers starter against the Bears, and his dominant play — combined with that of Rodgers — allowed Green Bay to tilt the all-time series. The Packers are 105-95-6 in the rivalry, a record that heavily favored the Bears before the arrival of Favre.

The Bears have used 18 starting quarterbacks since Rodgers first started in 2008 and 37 since Favre took over in Green Bay in Week 4 of the 1992 season, which explains the lopsided nature of the rivalry for three-plus decades. Rex Grossman and Kyle Orton had the most wins against the Packers in that span, each going 3-1.

Rodgers' final game with the Packers against the Bears was in Week 13 at Soldier Field when Green Bay scored 18 points in the fourth quarter to rally for a 28-19 victory.

"It has truly been a second home for me," Rodgers said after the game. "It's fun to come back here, get a win and let the fans know I'm still here."

Rodgers drew the ire of Bears fans in 2021 after running for a touchdown, turning to the fans in the south end-zone stands and yelling: "I own you! All my (bleeping) life! I own you! I still own you!"

For all of the back-and-forth between the fan bases, though, Rodgers has always held the Bears and Chicago in high regard and has spoken at length about his respect for players such as Brian Urlacher, Charles Tillman, Lance Briggs and others.

"It's a great sports town," Rodgers told the "Pardon My Take" podcast. "If we're beating up on a town that doesn't have a great sports history, it's just another win. Chicago is Chicago. You've got 100 years of Bears football, you have the Chicago Bulls. I grew up a Bulls fan.

"Back on my old TV, we had seven dials. You had to hit it just right with the antenna and we could get WGN. We could watch Cubs baseball and Harry Caray — that was iconic — and Bulls basketball. I grew up watching Chicago sports."

Besides Favre, who played for the Packers and Vikings, the only Hall of Fame quarterbacks to play in the NFC North during the Super Bowl era are Bart Starr (Packers), Fran Tarkenton (Vikings) and Warren Moon (Vikings).

As the Bears continue to rebuild this offseason with hopes Justin Fields will emerge as a legitimate franchise quarterback, the Packers enter the unknown with Love, who started one game as a rookie in 2021 and is 50-for-83 for 606 yards with three touchdowns and three interceptions in limited action.

Finally, the Packers will experience what it's like to line up without a Hall of Fame talent at quarterback ... unless Love

Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers celebrates with his teammates after scoring a rushing touchdown in the fourth quarter against the Bears on Oct. 17, 2021, at Soldier Field. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Rodgers

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him want to inflict regret on Green Bay.

Or the money you paid the darkness retreat owner to whisper "Packers suck" into Rodgers' cave. Nice effort.

Now it's time for you, devoted Bears fan, to celebrate what could be a major turning point for your beloved in the NFC North.

Write thank-you notes to Gardner, Murphy and Rodgers' secret informant friends. Burn your own stolen cheesehead, if you can stand to keep one on your property. Revel in the type of natural joy that doesn't need ayahuasca from knowing Rodgers is no longer hovering above you in Wisconsin — or in the division standings.

And if nightmares of Rodgers return, keep that fire (responsibly) burning and follow these cleansing steps to a true, once-in-a-generation peace.

1. Find this story online and print it out. Borrow your neighbor's printer, if you must.

You remember this one. It has been haunting you since December 2013. Forty-six seconds to the NFC North championship. Fourth-and-8. Rodgers, who broke his collarbone during a Bears win earlier in the season, stepped to the left to avoid the blitz and found Randall Cobb behind the Bears defense for a 48-yard touchdown pass at Soldier Field.

The Packers won 33-28 for the division title, sending Rodgers to one of his 21 career playoff starts. "A character drive," Rodgers called it.

Roll your eyes. Throw the paper in the fire. Breathe. You won't see Rodgers as an opponent next season unless it's in the Super Bowl. Wait, forget that nightmare within a dream and go to the next step.

2. Find this September 2018 story to print next. Remember what a time of hope that was.

Khalil Mack's Bears debut in prime time at Lambeau Field included forcing two turnovers in less than three minutes in the second quarter as the Bears shot to a 20-0 third-quarter lead. But Rodgers returned from a knee injury in the second half to lead a monstrous comeback, hitting Cobb with a 75-yard touchdown pass for a 24-23 win.

Try not to miss the fire as you throw the crumpled paper in disgust. Visualize the second Bears-Packers game that season instead, which the Bears won 24-17 for the NFC North title. Don't get hung up on the fact it's the last time the Bears beat the Packers.

3. Print the story from the worst loss by point differential. November 2014.

Rodgers threw six touchdown passes in the first half to tie an NFL record and push the Packers to a 42-0 halftime lead. They went on to win 55-14.

"I don't think I have ever seen anything like that," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said at the time.

Remind yourself that was a lost season anyway as you dispose of the story. Allow yourself a laugh at the Bears chaos in 2014 under coach Marc Trestman. It has been long enough. Laugh a second time when you remember all the drama Rodgers created up north all these years, half of it recently on "The Pat McAfee Show."

4. Steel yourself for the rage that comes with the next story. October 2021.

Rodgers, in the midst of his fourth MVP season, ran 6 yards into the Soldier Field end zone and claimed to see a Bears fan giving him the finger with both hands. Rodgers responded by bellowing: "I own you! All my (bleeping) life! I own you! I still own you!"

The Packers won 24-14, and Rodgers left social media comedians with never-ending Bears ownership jokes.

Check to make sure no kids are around. Flip the fire a double bird as the paper burns.

5. Buy your neighbor more printer paper. You're almost done. The last story is a doozy, not as much for Rodgers' performance but for the significance.

The January 2011 NFC championship game, Rodgers' only playoff game against the Bears. He threw for just 244 yards with no touchdown passes and two interceptions. But Bears quarterback Jay Cutler was injured and third-stringer Caleb Hanie couldn't complete the game-saving drive, and the Packers won 21-14. They went on to win the only Super Bowl of Rodgers' career.

Too much? Forget this game-by-game thing. Just burn a list of the results and remember Rodgers' 7-10 playoff record outside of that Super Bowl run.

Then center yourself on the present: The Bears could have an ascending quarterback in Justin Fields, already have made multiple moves in free agency to bolster their 2023 roster and have 10 draft picks this year for general manager Ryan Poles to continue his rebuild.

Meanwhile, the Packers are embarking into rare uncertainty, trying to see what they have in quarterback Jordan Love in 2023 as Rodgers heads off to New York.

Smirk as you list all of the ways Chicago is better than New York. Mute New York writers on social media for a bit. Maybe for a season. Feel Rodgers fading from relevance in your mind for the first time in 15 years.

Sit back, gaze at the fire and imagine the Packers' dominance in the rivalry going up in flames.

BASEBALL

Radio broadcaster Pat Hughes speaks during the Cubs Convention on Jan. 13 at the Sheraton Grand Chicago. JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CUBS TAKEAWAYS

Looking to bounce back after series vs. Dodgers

By Paul Sullivan and Gordon Wittenmyer
Chicago Tribune

Four takeaways from the Cubs' weekend series at Wrigley Field against the Dodgers, their first series loss since the opening three-game set against the Brewers.

1. Pat's back: Pat Hughes returned to the Cubs radio booth Sunday after a five-game absence that began last week in Oakland, Calif.

"It was just a case of losing my voice," Hughes said in a phone interview. "It started that Monday night in Oakland, and I just couldn't do it."

Hughes, who will receive the Ford C. Frick Award in July at the Baseball Hall of Fame, doesn't believe it will be a recurring problem.

"I sure hope not," he said. "You get to a certain age and you have fear of anything out of the norm. I try to take good care of myself and try to exercise as much as I can and eat right and all those things. Age is kind of a cruel thing."

The 67-year-old Hughes, who wasn't in pain, has been taking antibiotics. He just couldn't speak, a prerequisite for calling a baseball game.

The Cubs were off Monday, so Hughes' only responsibility was an interview for the "Peanuts, Popcorn & Crackerjacks" podcast hosted by Jeff Santo, the son of his former radio partner, Ron Santo. Otherwise, Hughes rested his voice for the upcoming San Diego Padres series and next week's road trip to Miami and Washington.

The Cubs and WSCR-AM 670 wisely told Hughes to take his time coming back, which he did instead of rushing back into action. While Hughes' game-calling skills made him a Hall of Famer, his back-and-forth banter with partner Ron Coomer also is essential to a good broadcast. A discussion of the A's press box possum during a game in Oakland was as interesting as the ballgame.

2. Which way will it go? The Cubs came back to Earth a bit against the Dodgers, losing three of four after a 5-1 West Coast trip during which giddy Marquee Sports Network analyst Rick Sutcliffe appeared ready to crown them.

No big deal, center fielder Cody Bellinger said.

"We've all in this locker room lost three out of four before," Bellinger said. "You have to be really good at bouncing back and that's what we're good at. A lot of the guys in here have been through that plenty of times before."

The Cubs are 12-9 and on pace for 88 wins heading into Tuesday's opener of a three-game series against the Padres. They won't face former Cubs ace Yu Darvish. If the Cubs win 88 games, they should contend for a wild-card spot. But is an 88-win pace sustainable? It certainly is if they continue to be among the league leaders in runs scored and pitching. But not if manager David Ross gets pocketed by in-game "pockets" when the main leverage guys in his bullpen — Michael Fulmer and Brad Boxberger — struggle.

But so far, so good. We'll rate the Cubs four "Suts" on a five-Sut scale:

- Five Suts: I'm telling you this team has championship vibes.
- Four Suts: My goodness, they look like they'll be playing in October.
- Three Suts: Never underestimate a David Ross-managed team.
- Two Suts: It doesn't happen overnight, but watch out, people, for those 2024 Cubbies.
- One Sut: These guys really care.

3. Top Gun Watch: Nico Hoerner's .355 average in the leadoff spot ranks second in the majors to the Atlanta Braves' Ronald Acuña Jr.'s .374, and Hoerner's 20 runs scored are tied for second with Acuña behind the Texas Rangers' Marcus Semien's 21.

The Cubs have lacked a true leadoff hitter since Dexter Fowler departed for the St. Louis Cardinals in 2017, and the glaring weakness has been an obvious factor in their downfall from the 2016 champs to another rebuild. Having a leadoff man and a relatively set lineup has been beneficial to the Cubs' early success.

"I think it's valuable more than having the perfect mix," Hoerner said. "There probably is an optimal lineup each day, but I do think there is value in consistency and routine. I'm used to getting on base and having Dansby (Swanson) behind me. There's kind of a rhythm to it. I enjoy that.

"When you look around the league, oftentimes the best teams have that consistency, whether it's the Cardinals or Braves or the Dodgers."

4. Friendly Confines, R.I.P.: Cubs Hall of Famer Ernie Banks played at Wrigley Field from 1953-71 and was its greatest ambassador.

"Ballplayers come and go, but Wrigley Field endures," Banks told the Tribune's Bob Logan in 1985. "As long as Cub fans take their kids out to the Friendly Confines and show them where baseball should be played, the chain will be unbroken."

Banks made the term "Friendly Confines" part of the lexicon of Cubs fans and it has endured for generations, aided by announcers Jack Brickhouse and Harry Caray.

So it has been sad to hear the Cubs now welcoming fans to the "Federal Landmark" over speakers before games, an apparent attempt to make the phrase trendy. It hasn't worked of course.

Wrigley always will be known as the Friendly Confines, no matter what the Cubs marketing geniuses decide.

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what it is today."

Under her ownership, the bar became a sanctuary for Cubs players and Chicago-born celebrities who often visited Wrigley Field.

Cubs manager David Ross, a friend of Murphy's, stopped by the bar Monday afternoon to offer his condolences. Actress Bonnie Hunt checked in on Murphy daily during her battle with cancer. Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder, who used the bar in his concert documentary, "Let's Play Two," also was a close friend.

"Eddie would send her ukuleles," Fagenholz said. "Cubs players would drop off signed baseballs. They all loved Murphy's Bleachers, but they loved Beth Murphy more."

Cubs fans come to Murphy's for the beer and the atmosphere, making it one of America's most famous sports bars.

Team executives respected Murphy, even as they fought with her over the rooftops, signage and other issues related to revenue streams.

Fagenholz said Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts and President of Business Operations Crane Kenney eventually became friends with Murphy after the team's renovation plan got through all the government and neighborhood hurdles to become reality.

"Crane and Tom, she respected them and they talked and things were really good," he said.

The Cubs tweeted condolences to Murphy's "family, friends, loved ones and patrons of the iconic neighborhood institution" and displayed her name on the Wrigley Field marquee.

Murphy grew up in Albany Park. In 1980, her husband, Jim, a Chicago policeman, bought Ray's Bleachers, a local hangout on the corner of Waveland and Sheffield, for a mere $200,000.

The East Lakeview neighborhood was sketchy back in the '70s and early '80s, and the bar usually came alive only after Cubs games — and even then only when the team was winning.

Jim Murphy changed its name, but the bar's fortunes really turned around in 1984, when the first Cubs playoff team in 39 years made Murphy's the place to be before and after games. Rooftop businesses became popular, and the Murphys had their own built in 1984.

Jim became president of the Wrigleyville Rooftop Owners Association, which battled with the former Cubs owner, Tribune Co., over lights at Wrigley. The Cubs filed suit against the rooftop owners in U.S. District Court in late 2002, claiming they stole the team's product and infringed on its copyright to "unjustly enrich themselves to the tune of millions of dollars each year."

Beth Murphy succeeded her husband as the rooftop owners' spokesperson after his death in January 2003. A 20-year deal was reached in 2004 that gave the Cubs 17% of the rooftop revenues but didn't end the squabbling.

Murphy engaged in numerous battles with the Cubs owners, criticizing the Rickettses for threatening to move to Rosemont if the rooftop owners sued them. The Cubs' sizable public relations machine often painted the rooftop owners as leeches who were an impediment to the team's chances of winning.

"We've been described, the Cubs owners and the rooftop owners, as the big jerk versus the little jerks," Murphy said with a laugh in a 2013 Tribune interview. "I understand that."

Murphy became a notorious pebble in the Cubs' shoe and enjoyed playing David to the owners' Goliath. In an interview in 2018 for a story on the 30th anniversary of the first night game, she called it appropriate that the much-hyped event was a rainout.

"Chicago was in a drought that summer," she said. "There were dust storms and we were waiting for tumbleweed to go by. So when (the rain) started, it was kind of nice. It wasn't a little bit of rain; it was a statement. It was like God was making a commentary on the Cubs having night games. It was biblical."

She often argued the neighborhood's business owners and residents prevented Tribune Co. from ruining the Wrigley Field experience, insisting the Cubs would have bought all the buildings on Waveland and Sheffield to "knock it all down" and build parking lots.

"They were saved from themselves by the neighborhood, because if this was surrounded by parking lots, it would be pretty much like (U.S.) Cellular Field," she said in 2013, referring to the White Sox ballpark. "I don't think anybody would be coming here. ... No one came here in the '70s. No one came here when we bought the bar. They couldn't fill the upper deck. The neighborhood is what (changed it)."

Murphy tweaked the Cubs in other ways. Later in 2013, she was walking her dog by Wrigley and noticed that several thank-you banners and posters to the late Ron Santo, a Hall of Fame Cubs third baseman and longtime radio announcer for the team, had been tossed in a dumpster. She had her staff rescue the discarded memorabilia and publicly offered it to Santo's son, Jeff.

It was another black eye for the Cubs, thanks to Beth Murphy doing what she loved to do — poking the bear.

"I think I'm doing what Jim would do," she once said of her battles with the Cubs. "He might've been better at it or worse at it. But it's what he would do."

Services were pending as of Monday night. The Cubs are expected to pay tribute to Murphy during Tuesday's game at Wrigley Field.

The Murphy's Bleachers marquee marks the death of owner Beth Murphy on Monday. BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

White Sox outfielder Andrew Benintendi, right, celebrates with designated hitter Eloy Jimenez, left, during the third inning Monday against the Blue Jays in Toronto. The Blue Jays won 5-2. ANDREW LAHODYNSKYJ/AP

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only run Sunday with a fourth-inning double. He's showing signs of getting into a rhythm after being on the injured list April 4-13 with a strained left hamstring.

"I'm starting to feel better at the plate," Jiménez said. "I'm starting to feel more comfortable. After 10 days (on the IL), it's hard to get back and play good. But that's no excuse. I'm here to do whatever I want to help the team win.

"I just try to do my job and help the team. I try to do my best every night and if it's good, it's all I can say."

A key for Jiménez is he hasn't been chasing as much, Sox manager Pedro Grifol said before Monday's 5-2 loss to the Toronto Blue Jays at Rogers Centre. Jiménez went 0-for-3 with a walk as the Sox losing streak reached five games.

"He's shrinking the strike zone," Grifol said. "He's getting good pitches to hit. When Eloy is getting good pitches to hit, he's going to do some damage. That's just who he is. He's got a good eye, he's got good plate discipline. He game plans really well and he's got the ability to execute a game plan.

"That's what he's been doing the last three or four days. He's not overly impatient. He's patient. He's waiting for his pitch where he can do damage, and he's done that. He's not chasing. He's taking some good pitches. That's a really good thing too."

Generally speaking, Grifol said Sox hitters "can't chase at the rate that we're chasing."

"We need to make adjustments on those," Grifol said. "We feel like we're headed in the right direction with that. Guys are putting in the work. They're learning the pitchers, they're learning their strike zone. They're learning where they can do damage. It needs to translate out there.

"When you chase, you're not getting pitches that you can do damage with. That's just a part of the game. You stay in the strike zone, you're going to get a good pitch to hit, you're going to do some damage. You come out of the strike zone, you're not going to put good wood on the baseball. That's no secret. That's just the way the game is. The work is being done. You've just got to put it in play out there now."

The Sox know they have to cut down their strikeouts after fanning 33 times in the three-game sweep by the Rays, including 15 strikeouts Saturday.

"There were some positives that came out of that series, (and) there were some things we have to improve on for sure that came out of that series," Grifol said. "We just have to execute those things here against Toronto."

Joe Kelly returns from IL: Before Monday's game, the Sox reinstated reliever Joe Kelly from the 15-day injured list. Kelly, who is 0-1 with a 10.13 ERA and three strikeouts in three relief appearances this season, went on the IL retroactive to April 9 with a right groin strain.

"He extends the bullpen out significantly to where we feel comfortable in leverage and at the same time resting some of the guys that need it too," Grifol said.

Sox starter Lucas Giolito was placed on the bereavement list, where he must remain for a minimum of three days and not more than seven. Grifol said Giolito will return in time for his next start, which should come in the upcoming home series against the Rays.

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Tampa Bay	20	3	.870	—	—	7-3	W-6	14-0	6-3
Baltimore	15	7	.682	4½	+2½	9-1	W-7	8-3	7-4
Toronto	14	9	.609	6	+1	6-4	W-2	5-2	9-7
New York	13	10	.565	7	—	5-5	L-2	9-7	4-3
Boston	12	12	.500	8½	1½	6-4	L-1	7-6	5-6
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Minnesota	13	10	.565	—	—	4-6	W-2	6-4	7-6
Cleveland	11	12	.478	2	2	4-6	L-1	3-7	8-5
Detroit	8	13	.381	4	4	6-4	W-1	4-4	4-9
Chicago	7	16	.304	6	6	2-8	L-5	3-6	4-10
Kansas City	5	17	.227	7½	7½	2-8	L-1	1-12	4-5
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Texas	14	8	.636	—	—	7-3	L-1	8-4	6-4
Houston	12	11	.522	2½	1	6-4	L-1	6-7	6-4
Los Angeles	11	11	.500	3	1½	4-6	W-1	5-4	6-7
Seattle	10	12	.455	4	2½	6-4	L-1	7-9	3-3
Oakland	4	18	.182	10	8½	1-9	L-2	2-10	2-8

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Atlanta	15	8	.652	—	—	6-4	W-1	5-6	10-2
New York	14	9	.609	1	+1	7-3	L-2	4-2	10-7
Miami	12	11	.522	3	1	6-4	L-2	7-6	5-5
Philadelphia	11	12	.478	4	2	7-3	W-3	6-4	5-8
Washington	7	14	.333	7	5	3-7	L-1	2-9	5-5
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Pittsburgh	16	7	.696	—	—	8-2	W-7	7-3	9-4
Milwaukee	15	8	.652	1	+2	6-4	L-2	6-4	9-4
Chicago	12	9	.571	3	—	6-4	L-2	6-7	6-2
St. Louis	9	13	.409	6½	3½	4-6	W-1	5-8	4-5
Cincinnati	8	15	.348	8	5	3-7	W-1	7-6	1-9
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Arizona	12	11	.522	—	—	4-6	L-2	6-5	6-6
Los Angeles	12	11	.522	—	1	5-5	W-2	6-6	6-5
San Diego	12	12	.500	½	1½	5-5	W-2	5-8	7-4
San Francisco	8	13	.381	3	4	3-7	W-2	4-6	4-7
Colorado	7	17	.292	5½	6½	2-8	W-1	3-7	4-10

BOX SCORES

COLORADO 6, CLEVELAND 0

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Blackmon dh	4	0	0	0	1	.266
Profar lf	5	1	2	3	2	.210
Bryant rf	4	0	2	0	1	.298
Cron 1b	5	0	0	0	2	.232
Diaz c	4	1	1	0	0	.329
Moustakas 3b	4	2	3	0	0	.243
Trejo 2b	4	0	1	1	0	.238
Doyle cf	3	1	0	0	1	.000
Tovar ss	4	1	1	2	0	.194
TOTALS	**37**	**6**	**10**	**6**	**7**	

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Kwan lf	4	0	3	0	0	.267
Rosario ss	4	0	0	0	0	.247
Ramirez 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.256
Bell dh	3	0	0	0	1	.220
Gimenez 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.247
Gonzalez rf	3	0	0	0	0	.172
a-Brennan ph	1	0	0	0	0	.244
Naylor 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.176
Zunino c	2	0	0	0	1	.239
Viloria c	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Straw cf	3	0	1	0	0	.263
TOTALS	**30**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**5**	

Colorado	**100**	**410**	**000**			**6**	**10**	**0**	
Cleveland	**000**	**000**	**000**			**0**	**4**	**1**	

a-flied out for Gonzalez in the 9th.
E: Kwan (1). **LOB:** Colorado 7, Cleveland 6. **2B:** Moustakas (4), Kwan (3).
HR: Profar (3), off Quantrill.
RBIs: Profar 3(9), Tovar 2(7), Trejo (4).
Runners left in scoring position: Colorado 2(Cron, Tovar); Cleveland 1(Gimenez). **RISP:** Colorado 3for 7; Cleveland 0for 4. **Runners moved up:** Rosario. **GIDP:** Rosario.
DP: Colorado 1(Tovar, Trejo, Cron).

COLORADO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gomber, W, 1-4	5	3	0	0	3	3	9.28
Bird	2	0	0	0	0	1	4.02
Johnson	1	1	0	0	0	1	4.15
Lawrence	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.25
CLEVELAND	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Quantrill, L, 1-2	3⅓	8	5	5	2	2	5.40
Sandlin	⅔	0	0	0	0	2	4.66
Herrin	1⅔	2	1	1	0	2	7.45
Curry	3⅓	0	0	0	1	1	2.93

Pitches-Strikes: Gomber 83-45; Bird 15-14; Johnson 16-10; Lawrence 5-4; Quantrill 80-48; Sandlin 6-6; Herrin 31-19; Curry 52-33.
Batters Faced: Gomber 20; Bird 6; Johnson 4; Lawrence 3; Quantrill 20; Sandlin 2; Herrin 7; Curry 11.
Inherited runners-scored: Sandlin 2-0.
WP: Herrin.
Umpires: Home, Ramon De Jesus; First, Doug Eddings; Second, Edwin Moscoso; Third, Lance Barrett.
Time: 2:25. **A:** 9,258(34,788).

BALTIMORE 5, BOSTON 4

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Verdugo rf	4	1	1	1	0	.319
Devers 3b	4	1	1	2	2	.255
Turner dh	4	0	1	0	1	.284
Yoshida lf	3	0	3	0	0	.265
1-Tapia pr	0	0	0	0	0	.182
Hernandez 2b-ss	4	0	0	0	1	.221
Casas 1b	4	1	1	1	2	.136
Duran cf	4	0	0	0	2	.333
Wong c	1	1	0	0	1	.188
Chang ss	3	0	0	0	1	.136
a-Arroyo ph-2b	0	0	0	0	0	.189
TOTALS	**31**	**4**	**7**	**4**	**10**	

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hays lf	4	0	2	1	0	.305
Rutschman dh	4	0	1	0	0	.289
Mountcastle 1b	4	1	2	0	0	.226
Santander rf	4	1	1	0	0	.213
McKenna rf	0	0	0	0	0	.176
Urias 3b	3	1	2	2	0	.246
McCann c	4	0	1	1	0	.160
Mullins cf	3	1	2	0	0	.260
Mateo ss	3	1	1	0	0	.358
Frazier 2b	3	0	1	1	0	.219
TOTALS	**32**	**5**	**13**	**5**	**0**	

Boston	**013**	**000**	**000**			**4**	**7**	**0**	
Baltimore	**001**	**310**	**00x**			**5**	**13**	**0**	

a- for Chang in the 7th. 1-ran for Yoshida in the 9th. **LOB:** Boston 3, Baltimore 4. **2B:** Mullins (4), Santander (7), Urias (5), Mateo (5). **HR:** Casas (3), off Kremer; Devers (9), off Kremer.
RBIs: Casas (8), Verdugo (12), Devers 2 (23), Frazier (9), Urias 2(9), McCann (3), Hays (9). **CS:** Urias (1), Wong (1).
Runners left in scoring position: Boston 2(Casas, Duran); Baltimore 1 (Rutschman). **RISP:** Boston 1for 6; Baltimore 4for 8. **Runners moved up:** Chang, Frazier. **GIDP:** Hernandez, Hays, Mountcastle, Santander, Mullins. **DP:** Boston 4(Chang, Hernandez, Casas; Chang, Casas; Chang, Hernandez, Casas; Arroyo, Casas); Baltimore 1 (Mateo, Frazier, Mountcastle).

BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sale, L, 1-2	5	9	5	5	1	0	8.22
Brasier	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.75
Bernardino	2	4	0	0	0	0	0.00
BALTIMORE	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Kremer, W, 2-0	5⅔	7	4	4	1	5	6.20
Akin, H, 2	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	6.35
Baker, H, 5	1	0	0	0	1	2	2.25
Coulombe, H, 4	1	0	0	0	1	1	1.00
Cano, S, 1-1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.00

Inherited runners-scored: Akin 1-0, Cano 1-0.
Umpires: Home, Junior Valentine; First, Adrian Johnson; Second, Manny Gonzalez; Third, Quinn Wolcott.
Time: 2:29. **A:** 11,811(45,971).

CINCINNATI 7, TEXAS 6

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Semien 2b	5	0	1	1	2	.292
Grossman rf	4	0	1	1	1	.211
Lowe 1b	4	0	0	0	2	.244
Garcia dh	4	1	1	0	2	.250
Jung 3b	4	2	2	3	0	.282
Duran ss	4	1	3	0	1	.310
Taveras cf	3	1	1	1	0	.270
Leon c	3	0	0	0	2	.200
a-Jankowski lf	1	0	0	0	1	.325
Thompson lf	2	1	1	0	0	.185
b-Heim ph-c	1	0	0	0	0	.309
TOTALS	**35**	**6**	**10**	**6**	**11**	

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
India 2b	3	3	1	0	0	.293
Friedl lf-cf	4	1	2	1	1	.313
Steer 3b	4	2	2	2	1	.294
Stephenson c	3	0	0	1	0	.260
1-Fairchild pr-lf	0	1	0	0	0	.200
Fraley rf	4	0	1	0	1	.200
Myers 1b	3	0	1	0	2	.222
Ramos dh	3	0	1	1	0	.333
Senzel cf	3	0	0	1	2	.139
Maile c	0	0	0	0	0	.176
Barrero ss	4	0	0	0	2	.228
TOTALS	**31**	**7**	**8**	**6**	**9**	

Texas	**032**	**100**	**000**			**6**	**10**	**1**	
Cincinnati	**103**	**000**	**021**			**7**	**8**	**0**	

No outs when winning run scored.
a-struck out for Leon in the 9th. b-flied out for Thompson in the 9th. 1-ran for Stephenson in the 8th. **E:** Jung (2). **LOB:** Texas 4, Cincinnati 7. **2B:** Duran (3), Taveras (4), India (8). 3B: Steer (1). HR: Jung 2(5), off Lodolo. **RBIs:** Jung 3(14), Taveras (5), Semien (21), Grossman (11), Steer 2(9), Stephenson (10), Ramos (1), Senzel (3), Friedl (10). SB: Thompson (1), Duran (1), Friedl (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Texas 2(Taveras, Grossman); Cincinnati 4(Myers, Barrero 2, Stephenson). **RISP:** Texas 4for 9; Cincinnati 2for 11. **Runners moved up:** Stephenson, Steer. **GIDP:** Leon, Lowe, Senzel, Ramos. **DP:** Texas 2(Jung, Semien, Lowe; Duran, Lowe); Cincinnati 2(Barrero, India, Myers; Barrero, Myers).

TEXAS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Eovaldi	6	6	4	3	1	7	5.20
Dunning, H, 3	1⅓	1	2	2	2	1	1.06
Leclerc, L, 0-1, BS, 1-3	⅓	0	1	0	3	1	0.00
W.Smith	0	1	0	0	0	0	2.16
CINCINNATI	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Lodolo	4	9	6	6	2	6	6.31
Farmer	2	1	0	0	0	1	3.97
Gibaut	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.12
Sims	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Diaz, W, 1-1	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.86

W.Smith pitched to 1batters in the 9th
Inherited runners-scored: Leclerc 3-2, W.Smith 1-1. **HBP:** Eovaldi (Friedl). **WP:** Eovaldi, Lodolo. PB: Heim (1). **Umpires:** Home, Will Little; First, Ryan Additon; Second, Dan Merzel; Third, Lance Barksdale. T: 2:36. **A:** 8,810(43,891).

TAMPA BAY 8, HOUSTON 3

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Dubon 2b	4	1	1	0	2	.325
Pena ss	4	1	1	1	1	.217
Tucker rf	2	0	0	1	2	.295
Bregman 3b	4	1	2	1	0	.247
J.Abreu 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.250
Julks lf	4	0	0	0	1	.305
Diaz dh	4	0	0	0	2	.192
Meyers cf	2	0	1	0	0	.286
Maldonado c	3	0	0	0	0	.151
TOTALS	**31**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**9**	

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Diaz 1b	5	1	2	0	0	.313
Franco ss	5	2	4	1	0	.318
Arozarena lf	3	2	2	2	1	.353
B.Lowe 2b	5	0	0	0	5	.235
Ramirez dh	3	1	1	1	1	.371
Paredes 3b	3	1	2	1	0	.229
J.Lowe rf	5	0	1	1	2	.333
Bethancourt c	5	1	2	2	1	.286
Margot cf	3	0	0	0	1	.180
TOTALS	**37**	**8**	**14**	**8**	**11**	

Houston	**201**	**000**	**000**			**3**	**6**	**0**	
Tampa Bay	**204**	**001**	**10x**			**8**	**14**	**0**	

LOB: Houston 4, Tampa Bay 12.
2B: Bregman (4), Meyers (3), Ramirez (4), Franco 2(11), Arozarena (4). 3B: Dubon (1), Arozarena (1).
HR: Bregman (3), off Bradley; Pena (4), off Bradley. **RBIs:** Tucker (18), Bregman (11), Pena (13), Arozarena 2(24), Ramirez (11), J.Lowe (16), Bethancourt 2(9), Paredes (12), Franco (14). SB: Franco (5). SF: Tucker, Arozarena.
Runners left in scoring position: Houston 2(Dubon, Julks); Tampa Bay 6 (Ramirez, Margot, Diaz, B.Lowe, Paredes, J.Lowe).
RISP: Houston 0for 5; Tampa Bay 6for 17. **GIDP:** Bregman.
DP: Tampa Bay 1(Paredes, B.Lowe, Diaz).

HOUSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Urquidy, L, 1-2	2⅔	7	6	6	2	3	5.64
Martinez	2⅓	1	0	0	2	4	5.23
Stanek	1	2	1	1	1	1	4.00
Blanco	2	4	1	1	0	3	5.40
TAMPA BAY	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Bradley, W, 3-0	5	4	3	3	0	6	3.52
Kelly, H, 1	2	2	0	0	0	3	3.95
Cleavinger	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.93
Beeks	1	0	0	0	0	0	5.06

Inherited runners-scored: Martinez 2-0. **HBP:** Bradley (Meyers), Martinez (Arozarena). PB: Maldonado (3).
Umpires: Home, Jerry Layne; First, Brock Ballou; Second, Vic Carapazza; Third, Nick Mahrley. T: 2:46. **A:** 10,611 (25,025).

TORONTO 5, CHI. WHITE SOX 2

White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Robert Jr. cf	3	1	0	0	3	.226
Benintendi lf	3	1	2	0	0	.296
Vaughn 1b	4	0	1	2	2	.244
Jimenez dh	3	0	0	0	0	.196
Grandal c	3	0	0	0	0	.269
Burger 3b	2	0	0	0	0	.220
b-Sheets ph	1	0	0	0	1	.294
Gonzalez 2b	0	0	0	0	0	.115
Colas rf	4	0	0	0	0	.219
Andrus ss	4	0	0	0	0	.198
Sosa 2b-3b	4	0	0	0	0	.132
TOTALS	**31**	**2**	**3**	**2**	**6**	

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Bichette ss	4	0	1	0	0	.327
Guerrero Jr. dh	5	1	1	0	1	.333
Varsho lf	4	0	0	0	1	.213
Chapman 3b	4	0	1	1	1	.361
Kirk c	1	1	0	0	0	.240
Belt 1b	4	1	2	0	0	.200
Merrifield 2b	2	1	1	1	0	.317
Biggio rf	3	1	1	3	2	.128
a-Springer ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	.196
Kiermaier cf	2	0	1	0	1	.302
TOTALS	**30**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**6**	

Chi. White Sox	**002**	**000**	**000**			**2**	**3**	**0**	
Toronto	**000**	**400**	**10x**			**5**	**8**	**1**	

a-pinch hit for Biggio in the 7th.
b-struck out for Burger in the 8th.
E: Chapman (2). **LOB:** Chicago 7, Toronto 9. **2B:** Vaughn (9), Merrifield (6), Chapman (11). **HR:** Biggio (2), off Lynn.
RBIs: Vaughn 2 (16), Merrifield (8), Biggio 3 (4), Chapman (18). **SB:** Guerrero Jr. (2).
Runners left in scoring position: Chicago 3(Benintendi, Jimenez 2); Toronto 4(Springer 2, Bichette 2). **RISP:** Chicago 1for 6; Toronto 3for 9. **Runners moved up:** Varsho. **GIDP:** Guerrero Jr..
DP: Chicago 2(Andrus, Vaughn; Gonzalez, Andrus, Vaughn).

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lynn, L, 0-3	5	5	4	4	3	4	7.52
Santos	1	1	0	0	2	1	2.25
Middleton	⅓	2	1	1	1	0	3.18
Diekman	1⅔	0	0	0	2	1	7.45
TORONTO	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Bassitt, W, 3-2	6⅓	3	2	2	3	4	4.82
Pop, H, 1	1⅓	0	0	0	1	1	4.35
Mayza, H, 3	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	1.42
Romano, S, 8-9	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.48

Pitches-Strikes: Lynn 101-59; Santos 27-14; Middleton 12-7; Diekman 24-12; Bassitt 98-61; Pop 15-10; Mayza 6-3; Romano 13-7.
Inherited runners-scored: Diekman 2-0, Pop 1-0, Mayza 1-0. **HBP:** Bassitt (Burger). **Umpires:** Home, David Rackley; First, Jeremy Riggs; Second, Chris Guccione; Third, Ryan Blakney.
Time: 2:40. **A:** 26,293(49,282).

ATLANTA 11, MIAMI 0

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Chisholm Jr. cf	3	0	0	0	1	.207
Sanchez rf	1	0	0	0	1	.143
Cooper 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.282
a-Fortes ph	1	0	0	0	0	.175
Soler dh	3	0	0	0	3	.257
b-Gurriel ph	1	0	0	0	0	.270
De La Cruz lf-cf	4	0	0	0	2	.297
Garcia rf-lf	3	0	0	0	1	.155
Segura 3b	3	0	1	0	0	.200
Berti 2b	3	0	1	0	1	.229
Stallings c	3	0	0	0	1	.132
Hampson ss	3	0	0	0	3	.241
TOTALS	**31**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**14**	

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Acuna Jr. rf	4	0	0	0	0	.358
Olson 1b	4	2	2	0	1	.267
Riley 3b	3	3	1	2	1	.271
Murphy c	5	2	3	1	2	.277
Rosario lf	5	1	2	2	0	.194
Albies 2b	5	0	2	3	1	.253
Ozuna dh	4	1	0	0	3	.073
Hilliard cf	4	2	2	3	0	.333
Adrianza ss	3	0	0	0	1	.000
TOTALS	**37**	**11**	**12**	**11**	**9**	

Miami	**000**	**000**	**000**			**0**	**2**	**2**	
Atlanta	**001**	**223**	**03x**			**11**	**12**	**2**	

a-grounded out for Cooper in the 9th.
b-reached on error for Soler in the 9th.
E: Berti (1), Segura (5), Olson (1), Riley (3). **LOB:** Miami 4, Atlanta 8.
2B: Olson (6). **3B:** Albies (1).
HR: Murphy (6), off Cabrera; Hilliard (2), off Cabrera; Rosario (2), off Okert; Hilliard (3), off Nolin; Riley (5), off Nolin. **RBIs:** Murphy (16), Hilliard 3(5), Rosario 2(3), Riley 2(14), Albies 3(21).
SB: Hilliard (4).
Runners left in scoring position: Miami 1(Hampson); Atlanta 4(Ozuna, Adrianza, Acuna Jr. 2).
RISP: Miami 0for 2; Atlanta 2for 10.
Runners moved up: Ozuna.

MIAMI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cabrera, L, 1-2	4⅓	4	4	4	4	6	4.91
Okert	⅔	1	1	1	0	1	5.40
Nolin	3	7	6	6	2	2	18.00
ATLANTA	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Strider, W, 3-0	8	2	0	0	0	13	1.80
Jimenez	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.25

Pitches-Strikes: Cabrera 96-54; Okert 12-7; Nolin 62-40; Strider 101-81; Jiménez 14-11.
Batters Faced: Cabrera 22; Okert 3; Nolin 18; Strider 27; Jiménez 4.
Inherited runners-scored: Okert 1-1.
Umpires: Home, Alfonso Marquez; First, Brian O'Nora; Second, Pat Hoberg; Third, Nestor Ceja.
Time: 2:21. **A:** 28,241(41,149).

MINNESOTA 6, N.Y. YANKEES 1

NY Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Volpe ss	3	0	1	0	1	.194
Judge dh	4	0	1	0	1	.244
Rizzo 1b	4	0	0	0	2	.300
Torres 2b	3	1	1	0	2	.257
LeMahieu 3b	3	0	2	0	0	.299
F.Cordero rf	3	0	0	0	3	.174
a-Kiner-Falefa	0	0	0	0	0	.176
Cabrera lf	4	0	0	1	0	.211
Trevino c	4	0	1	0	0	.208
Hicks cf	4	0	0	0	1	.107
TOTALS	**32**	**1**	**6**	**1**	**10**	

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Kepler rf	5	3	3	0	0	.222
Correa ss	5	0	1	1	2	.213
Polanco 2b	5	0	2	3	2	.389
Buxton dh	4	0	0	1	1	.231
Larnach lf	2	0	1	0	0	.240
Miranda 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.236
Gallo 1b	3	1	1	1	0	.243
Vazquez c	3	1	0	0	0	.280
Taylor cf	3	1	2	0	0	.250
TOTALS	**33**	**6**	**10**	**6**	**5**	

N.Y. Yankees	**000**	**000**	**001**			**1**	**6**	**1**	
Minnesota	**003**	**101**	**01x**			**6**	**10**	**1**	

a-walked for F.Cordero in the 9th.
E: Volpe (2), Miranda (3). **LOB:** New York 8, Minnesota 9. **2B:** Judge (3), Polanco (2). **3B:** Correa (1). **HR:** Gallo (6), off Weissert. **RBIs:** Cabrera (7), Polanco 3 (5), Buxton (8), Gallo (12), Correa (9).
SB: Taylor (2). **CS:** Kepler (1).
Runners left in scoring position: New York 5(Hicks, Rizzo 2, Torres, Judge); Minnesota 5(Polanco, Vazquez 2, Miranda, Buxton). **RISP:** New York 0for 7; Minnesota 4for 12. **Runners moved up:** Rizzo, Buxton. **GIDP:** LeMahieu, Cabrera. **DP:** New York 1(Trevino, Torres, Trevino); Minnesota 2(Correa, Gallo; Gallo, Correa, Gallo).

NY YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Brito, L, 2-2	2⅔	3	3	3	3	1	6.11
Weissert	2	3	1	1	1	2	2.08
Abreu	1⅓	2	1	0	2	1	1.59
Peralta	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.00
J.Cordero	1	2	1	1	0	1	3.24
MINNESOTA	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Gray, W, 3-0	7	3	0	0	2	8	0.62
Jax	1	2	0	0	0	1	3.48
Moran	1	1	1	1	2	1	7.45

Pitches-Strikes: Brito 80-52; Weissert 39-20; Abreu 32-16; Peralta 9-6; J Cordero 20-13; Gray 107-66; Jax 23-18; Moran 24-12.
Inherited runners-scored: Weissert 2-0, Abreu 1-0.
Umpires: Home, Rob Drake; First, Bill Miller; Second, Chad Whitson; Third, Roberto Ortiz. T: 2:54. **A:** 16,242(38,544).

DETROIT 4, MILWAUKEE 2

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Baddoo lf	3	1	0	0	1	.205
Greene cf	4	0	0	1	1	.224
Baez ss	3	1	2	0	0	.222
Maton 3b	3	1	2	3	1	.154
a-Schoop ph-2b	1	0	1	0	0	.212
Carpenter rf	3	0	0	0	2	.207
b-Vierling ph-rf	1	0	0	0	1	.230
Torkelson 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.218
Cabrera dh	3	0	0	0	0	.175
1-Rogers pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	.258
McKinstry 2b-3b	4	0	1	0	1	.256
Haase c	3	1	1	0	1	.255
TOTALS	**32**	**4**	**8**	**4**	**8**	

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Brosseau 3b	4	1	1	1	1	.229
Adames dh	3	0	0	0	2	.262
Contreras c	4	1	2	1	0	.323
Anderson rf	4	0	1	0	1	.278
Voit 1b	2	0	0	0	1	.256
c-Yelich ph	1	0	0	0	0	.247
Miller 2b	3	0	1	0	0

SCOREBOARD

NBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
x-If necessary; best-of-7

EAST CONFERENCE

#8 Miami 3, #1 Milwaukee 1
April 16: G1 Miami 130-17.
April 19: G2 at Milwaukee 138-122.
April 22: G3 at Miami 121-99.
Monday: G4 at Miami 119114.
Wednesday: G5 at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
x-Friday: G6 at Miami, TBA
x-Sunday: G7 at Milwaukee, TBA

#2 Boston 3, #7 Atlanta 1
April 15: G1 at Boston 112-99
April 18: G2 at at Boston 119-106
April 21: G3 at Atlanta 130-122
April 23: G4 Boston 129-121
Tuesday: G5 at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
x-Thursday: G6 at Atlanta, TBA
x-Saturday: G7 at Boston, TBA

#3 Philadelphia 4, #6 Brooklyn 0
April 15: at Philadelphia, 121-101
April 17: G2 at Philadelphia 96-84.
April 20: G3 Philadelphia 102-97.
April 22: G4 Philadelphia 96-88.

#5 New York 3, #4 Cleveland 1
April 15: G1 New York 101-97
April 18: G2 at Cleveland 107-90.
April 21: G3 at New York 99-79.
April 23: G4 at New York 102-93.
Wednesday: G5 at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
x-Friday: G6 at New York, TBD
x-Sunday: G7 at Cleveland, TBD

EAST SEMIFINALS
#3Philadelphia vs.
#2Boston/#7Atlanta, TBA

WEST CONFERENCE

#1 Denver 3, #8 Minnesota 1
April 16: G1 at Denver 109-80.
April 19: G2 at Denver 122-113.
April 21: G3 Denver 120-111.
April 23: G4 at Minnesota 114-108.
Tuesday: G5 at Denver, TBD
x-Thursday: G6 at Minnesota, TBD
x-Saturday: G7 at Denver, TBD

#7 L.A. Lakers 2, #2 Memphis 1
April 16: G1 L.A. Lakers 128-112.
April 19: G2 at Memphis 103-93.
April 22: G3 at Los Angeles 111-101
Monday: G4 at Los Angeles, late
Wednesday: G5 at Memphis, 6:30 p.m.
x-Friday: G6 at Los Angeles, TBD
x-Sunday: G7 at Memphis, TBD

#3 Sacramento 2, #6 Golden State 2
April 15: G1 at Sacramento 126-123
April 17: G2 at Sacramento, 114-106
April 20: G3 at Golden State 114-97.
April 23: G4 at Golden State 126-125.
Wednesday: G5 at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Friday: G6 at Golden State, TBD
x-Sunday: G7 at Sacramento, TBD

#4 Phoenix 3, #5 LA Clippers 1
April 16: G1 L.A. Clippers 115-110.
April 18: G2 at Phoenix 123-109.
April 20: G3 Phoenix 129-124.
April 22: G4 Phoenix 112-100.
Tuesday: G5 at Phoenix, TBD
x-Thursday: G6 at Los Angeles, TBD
x-Saturday: G7 at Phoenix, TBD

NBA GEORGE MIKAN TROPHY MOST IMPROVED PLAYER
Selected by a global panel of 100 sportswriters and broadcasters. Voting is on a 5-3-1 basis:

2023 VOTING	1	2	3	PTS
Lauri Markkanen, Utah	**69**	**27**	**4**	**430**
Shai Gilgeous-Alexander OKC	24	54	7	289
Jalen Brunson, N.Y.	4	11	38	91
Mikal Bridges, Bkn	1	1	25	33
Nic Claxton, Bkn	0	4	10	22
Tyrese Haliburton, Ind	1	1	8	16
Trey Murphy III, NO	1	0	3	8
Kevon Looney, GS	1	0	1	3
De'Aaron Fox, Sac	1	0	1	3
Austin Reave, LAL	0	0	2	2
Jaren Jackson Jr., Mem	0	0	1	1
Aaron Gordon, Den	0	0	1	1
Malik Monk, Sac	0	0	1	1

MARKANEN NUMBERS

YR	TM	FG%	3P%	FT%	RB	A	PPG
2018-21	Chi.	.440	.366	.845	7.1	1.2	15.6
2022	Cle	.445	.358	.868	5.7	1.3	14.8
2023	Utah.	499	.391	.875	8.6	1.9	25.6
Career		**.455**	**.371**	**.858**	**7.1**	**1.4**	**17.3**

RECENT MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS

YR	PLAYER	TM	PPG	RB	A
2022	Ja Morant	Mem	27.4	5.7	6.7
2021	Julius Randle	NY	24.1	10.2	6.0
2020	Brandon Ingram	NO	23.8	6.1	4.2
2019	Pascal Siakam	Tor	16.9	6.9	3.1
2018	Victor Oladipo	Ind	23.1	5.2	4.3
2017	Giannis Antetokounmpo	Mil	22.9	8.8	5.4
2016	CJ McCollum	Por	20.8	3.2	4.3
2015	Jimmy Butler	Chi	20.0	5.8	3.3
2014	Goran Dragic	Phx	20.3	3.2	5.9
2013	Paul George	Ind	17.4	7.6	4.1
2012	Ryan Anderson	Orl	16.1	7.7	0.9
2011	Kevin Love	Min	20.2	15.2	2.5
2010	Aaron Brooks	Hou	19.6	2.6	5.3
2009	Danny Granger	Ind	25.8	5.1	2.7
2008	Hedo Türkoglu	Orl	19.5	5.7	5.0
2007	Monta Ellis	GS	16.5	3.2	4.1
2006	Boris Diaw	Phx	13.3	6.9	6.2
2005	Bobby Simmons	LAC	16.4	5.9	2.7
2004	Zach Randolph	Por	20.1	10.5	2.0
2003	Gilbert Arenas	GS	18.3	4.7	6.3
2002	Jermaine O'Neal	Ind	19.0	10.5	1.6
2001	Tracy McGrady	Orl	26.8	7.5	4.6
2000	Jalen Rose	Ind	18.2	4.8	4.0
1999	Darrell Armstrong	Orl	13.8	3.6	6.7
1998	Alan Henderson	Atl	14.3	6.4	1.1
1997	Isaac Austin	Mia	9.7	5.8	1.2
1996	Gheorghe Muresan	Was	14.5	9.6	0.7
1995	Dana Barros	Phi	20.6	3.3	7.5
1994	Don MacLean	Was	18.2	6.2	2.1
1993	Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf	Den	19.2	2.8	4.2
1992	Pervis Ellison	Was	20.0	11.2	2.9
1991	Scott Skiles	Orl	17.2	3.4	8.4
1990	Rony Seikaly	Mia	16.6	10.4	1.1
1989	Kevin Johnson	Phx	20.4	4.2	12.2
1988	Kevin Duckworth	Por	15.8	7.4	0.8
1987	Dale Ellis	Sea	24.9	5.5	2.9
1986	Alvin Robertson	SA	17.0	6.3	5.5

ODDS

NBA PLAYOFFS			TUESDAY
FAVORITE	**LINE**	**O/U**	**UNDERDOG**
at Boston	12½	(230½)	Atlanta
at Denver	9	(221)	Minnesota
at Phoenix	12	(224)	LA Clippers
			WEDNESDAY
at Milwaukee	off	(off)	Miami
at Memphis	off	(off)	LA Lakers
at Cleveland	6	(202½)	New York
Golden State	4	(231)	at Sacramento

NHL PLAYOFFS			TUESDAY
FAVORITE	**LINE**	**UNDERDOG**	**LINE**
at Carolina	-156	NY Islanders	+130
at Dallas	-146	Minnesota	+122
at Edmonton	-225	Los Angeles	+188
			WEDBESDAT
at Boston	-230	Florida	+210
ODDS TO WIN FIRST ROUND SERIES			
NY Rangers	-275	New Jersey	+230
Toronto	-325	Tampa Bay	+270
Vegas	-325	Winnipeg	+270
Colorado	-625	Seattle	+485
Carolina	-1400	NY Islanders	+825
Dallas	-150	Minnesota	+130
Edmonton	-285	Los Angeles	+240
Boston	-4500	Florida	+1600

MLB			TUESDAY
American League			
FAVORITE	**LINE**	**UNDERDOG**	**LINE**
at Baltimore	-136	Boston	+116
at Tampa bay	-164	Houston	+138
at Toronto	-178	Chi. White Sox	+150
NY Yankees	-118	at Minnesota	+100
at LA Angels	-184	Oakland	+154
National League			
FAVORITE	**LINE**	**UNDERDOG**	**LINE**
LA Dodgers	-142	at Pittsburgh	+120
at NY Mets	off	Washington	off
at Atlanta	off	Miami	off
San Diego	off	at Chi. Cubs	off
at San Fran.	off	St. Louis	off
Interleague			
FAVORITE	**LINE**	**UNDERDOG**	**LINE**
at Cleveland	-180	Colorado	+152
Seattle	-118	at Philadelphia	+100
Texas	-136	at Cincinnati	+116
at Milwaukee	-166	Detroit	+140
at Arizona	-132	Kansas City	+112

For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

NHL PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Boston 3, Florida 1
April 17: G1 at Boston 3-1.
April 19: G2 Florida 6-3.
April 21: G3 Boston 4-2.
April 23: G4 Boston 6-2.
Wednesday: G5 at Boston, 6 p.m.
x-Friday: G6 at Florida, TBA
x-Sunday: G7 at Boston, TBA

Carolina 3, N.Y. Islanders 1
April 17: G1 at Carolina 2-1.
April 19: G2 at Carolina 4-3 (OT).
April 21: G3 at N.Y. Islanders 5-1.
April 23: G4 Carolina 5-2.
Tuesday: G5 at Carolina, 6 p.m.
x-Friday: G6 at N.Y. Islanders, TBA
x-Sunday: G7 at Carolina, TBA

N.Y. Rangers 2, New Jersey 2
April 18: G1 at N.Y. Rangers 5-1.
April 20: G2 N.Y. Rangers 5-1.
April 22: G3 New Jersey 2-1 (OT).
Monday: G4 New Jerseey 3-1.
Thursday: G5 at New Jersey, TBA
Saturday: G6 at N.Y. Rangers, TBA
x-May 1: G7 at New Jersey, TBA

Toronto 3, Tampa Bay 1
April 18: G1 Tampa Bay, 7-3.
April 20: G2 at Toronto 7-2.
April 22: G3 Toronto 4-3 (OT)
Monday: G4 Toronto 5-4 (OT).
Thursday: G5 at Toronto, TBA
x-Saturday: G6 at Tampa Bay, TBA
x-May 1: G7 at Toronto, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Los Angeles 2, Edmonton 2
April 17: G1 Los Angeles 4-3 (OT).
April 19: G2 at Edmonton 4-2.
April 21: G3 Los Angeles 3-2 (OT).
April 23: G4 Edmonton 5-4 (OT)
Tuesday: G5 at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday: G6 at Los Angeles, TBA
x-May 1: G7 at Edmonton, TBA

Vegas 2, Winnipeg 1
April 18: G1 Winnipeg 5-1.
April 20: G2 at Vegas 5-2.
April 22: G3 Vegas 5-4 (2OT).
Monday: G4 at Winnipeg, late
Thursday: G5 at Vegas, TBA
x-Saturday: G6 at Winnipeg, TBA
x-May 1: G7 at Vegas, TBA

Minnesota 2, Dallas 2
April 17: G1 Minnesota 3-2 (2OT)
April 19: G2 at Dallas 7-3.
April 21: G3 at Minnesota 5-1.
April 23: G4 Dallas 3-2.
Tuesday: G5 at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Friday: G6 at Minnesota, TBA
x-Sunday: G7 at Dallas, TBA

Colorado 2, Seattle 1
April 18: G1 Seattle 3-1.
April 20: G2 at Colorado 3-2.
April 22: G3 Colorado 6-4.
Monday: G4 at Seattle, late
Wednesday: G5 at Colorado, 8:30 p.m.
x-Friday: G6 at Seattle, TBA
x-Sunday: G7 at Colorado, TBA

TEAM PLAYOFF STATISTICS
through Sunday's games
hockey-reference.com

TEAM	G	SOG	PIM	GA	SA	PK%	PPO
Bos	16	132	113	11	137	90.9	14
Car	12	133	60	11	118	91.7	19
Colo	10	110	26	9	88	90.9	7
Dal	13	132	82	13	133	76.5	16
Edm	14	159	40	13	129	70.6	11
LA	13	129	28	14	159	45.5	17
Min	13	133	90	13	132	56.3	17
NYR	11	89	83	4	79	81.8	15
Tor	14	95	56	12	95	71.4	13
Vgs	11	104	43	11	98	70.0	12
Fla	11	137	89	16	132	71.4	11
NJ	4	79	89	11	89	73.3	11
NYI	11	118	82	12	133	73.7	12
Sea	9	88	18	10	110	100.0	11
TB	12	95	75	14	95	69.2	14
Wpg	11	98	47	11	104	83.3	10

AUTO RACING

LATE SUNDAY: NASCAR CUP GEICO 500
Sunday at Talladega Superspeedway; Talladega, Ala.; Lap length: 2.66 miles

FN	ST	DRIVER	M	LAPS	PT
1	17	Kyle Busch	C	196	40
2	5	Ryan Blaney	F	196	35
3	10	Chris Buescher	F	196	34
4	4	Chase Briscoe	F	196	33
5	20	Brad Keselowski	F	196	32
6	24	Erik Jones	C	196	31
7	18	William Byron	C	196	37
8	6	Christopher Bell	T	196	29
9	22	Daniel Suárez	C	196	29
10	28	Todd Gilliland	F	196	27
11	38	JJ Yeley	F	196	0
12	29	Chase Elliott	C	196	44
13	13	Tyler Reddick	T	196	24
14	27	Alex Bowman	C	196	32
15	1	Denny Hamlin	T	196	25
16	33	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	C	196	23
17	32	Ty Dillon	C	196	20
18	26	Justin Haley	C	196	19
19	37	BJ McLeod	C	196	18
20	2	Aric Almirola	F	196	27
21	11	Kevin Harvick	F	196	24
22	23	Ross Chastain	C	196	23
23	31	Austin Hill	C	196	0
24	34	Corey Lajoie	C	196	13
25	36	Riley Herbst	F	196	0
26	15	Austin Cindric	F	196	16
27	7	Martin Truex Jr	T	196	15
28	12	Bubba Wallace	T	195-a	16
29	19	AJ Allmendinger	C	195-a	8
30	8	Joey Logano	F	195	10
31	3	Ty Gibbs	T	194-g	6
32	30	Noah Gragson	C	189-a	10
33	9	Kyle Larson	C	189-a	10
34	16	Ryan Preece	F	189-a	9
35	21	Michael McDowell	F	189	2
36	25	Harrison Burton	F	183-a	7
37	35	Zane Smith	F	141-a	0
38	14	Austin Dillon	C	141-a	1

a-accident; g-garage; C-Chevrolet; F-Ford, T-Toyota.

RACE STATISTICS
Winner's average speed: 146.569 mph.
Time: 3 hours, 33 minutes, 25 seconds.
Margin of Victory: Caution.
Caution Flags: 8 for 34 laps.
Lead Changes: 57 among 21 drivers.
Lap Leaders: D.Hamlin 0; A.Almirola 1-6; C.Briscoe 7; B.Wallace 8-30; D.Suárez 31-34; K.Busch 35; R.Chastain 36-38; R.Preece 39-40; E.Jones 41-43; C.Elliott 44-47; A.Bowman 48-52; C.Elliott 53-55; A.Bowman 56; C.Elliott 57; A.Bowman 58-59; C.Elliott 60-62; B.McLeod 63; D.Hamlin 64-70; K.Harvick 71-76; J.Logano 77; M.Truex 78-82; J.Logano 83; M.Truex 84; J.Logano 85; M.Truex 86-97; B.Wallace 98-99; K.Harvick 100-104; B.Keselowski 105-106; C.Elliott 107; M.Truex 108; C.Elliott 109; B.Wallace 110-114; C.Elliott 115-119; A.Almirola 120-122; W.Byron 123; A.Almirola 124-125; B.Wallace 126; H.Burton 127-130; R.Blaney 131; H.Burton 132-137; R.Blaney 138-140; H.Burton 141; R.Blaney 142-143; D.Suárez 144; R.Blaney 145-146; B.Wallace 147-149; R.Blaney 150-154; T.Gibbs 155-156; R.Blaney 157-168; T.Gibbs 169; R.Blaney 170-179; T.Gibbs 180; R.Blaney 181-188; N.Gragson 189; R.Blaney 190-193; K.Busch 194; B.Wallace 195; K.Busch 196
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): R.Blaney, 9 times for 47 laps; B.Wallace, 6 times for 35 laps; M.Truex, 4 times for 19 laps; C.Elliott, 7 times for 18 laps; A.Almirola, 3 times for 11 laps; K.Harvick, 2 times for 11 laps; H.Burton, 3 times for 11 laps; A.Bowman, 3 times for 8 laps; D.Hamlin, 1 time for 7 laps; D.Suárez, 2 times for 5 laps; T.Gibbs, 3 times for 4 laps; K.Busch, 3 times for 3 laps; E.Jones, 1 time for 3 laps; R.Chastain, 1 time for 3 laps; J.Logano, 3 times for 3 laps; B.Keselowski, 1 time for 2 laps; R.Preece, 1 time for 2 laps; C.Briscoe, 1 time for 1 lap; W.Byron, 1 time for 1 lap; B.McLeod, 1 time for 1 lap; N.Gragson, 1 time for 1 lap.
Wins: K.Larson, 2; W.Byron, 2; C.Bell, 1; T.Reddick, 1; J.Logano, 1; K.Busch, 1; R.Stenhouse, 1.
Top 16 in Points: 1. C.Bell, 302; 2. R.Chastain, 297; 3. K.Harvick, 287; 4. K.Larson, 285; 5. M.Truex, 266; 6. T.Reddick, 265; 7. J.Logano, 258; 8. K.Busch, 250; 9. D.Hamlin, 247; 10. R.Blaney, 241; 11. A.Bowman, 237; 12. B.Keselowski, 235; 13. R.Stenhouse, 223; 14. C.Briscoe, 210; 15. W.Byron, 208; 16. C.Buescher, 206.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
New England	6	1	2	20	15	8
Cincinnati	6	1	2	20	12	10
Atlanta	5	1	3	18	18	13
New York City FC	4	2	3	15	12	10
Columbus	4	3	2	14	18	10
Nashville	3	3	3	12	8	5
Philadelphia	3	4	2	11	14	13
D.C. United	3	4	2	11	11	13
Orlando City	3	3	2	11	8	10
Chicago	2	2	4	10	12	12
Charlotte FC	2	4	3	9	10	16
Toronto FC	1	2	6	9	12	13
N.Y. Red Bulls	1	3	5	8	6	9
Inter Miami CF	2	6	0	6	6	9
CF Montréal	2	6	0	6	5	17
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
St. Louis City SC	6	2	1	19	21	10
Seattle	6	2	1	19	17	7
Los Angeles FC	5	0	3	18	16	6
FC Dallas	4	3	2	14	12	11
San Jose	4	3	2	14	11	11
Houston	4	3	1	13	10	8
Minnesota United	3	3	2	11	8	8
Vancouver	2	2	4	10	11	7
Real Salt Lake	3	5	0	9	10	17
Portland	2	5	2	8	11	15
Austin FC	2	4	2	8	6	12
Colorado	1	3	5	8	6	11
LA Galaxy	1	4	3	6	7	12
Sporting KC	0	6	3	3	3	13

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Atlanta at Nashville, 12:30p.m.
Miami at Columbus, 6:30p.m.
Charlotte FC at D.C. United, 6:30p.m.
Cincinnati at New England, 6:30p.m.
LA Galaxy at Orlando City, 6:30p.m.
New York City FC at Toronto FC, 6:30 p.m.
San Jose at Austin FC, 7:30p.m.
N.Y. Red Bulls at Chicago, 7:30p.m.
CF Montréal at Sporting KC, 7:30p.m.
Portland at St. Louis City SC, 7:30p.m.
Seattle at Real Salt Lake, 8:30p.m.
Houston at Los Angeles FC, 9:30p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 9:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCH
FC Dallas at Minnesota, 8p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULT
Atlanta 2, Chicago 1

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Portland	3	0	1	10	11	2
OL Reign	3	1	0	9	8	3
San Diego	3	1	0	9	8	4
Gotham FC	3	1	0	9	5	3
Washington	2	0	2	8	5	3
Houston	1	0	3	6	3	2
Angel City	1	2	1	4	5	7
Louisville	0	1	3	3	4	6
Chicago	1	3	0	3	9	12
North Carolina	1	3	0	3	3	6
Kansas City	1	3	0	3	5	9
Orlando	0	4	0	0	1	10

Three points for win, one point for tie.

FRIDAY'S MATCH
North Carolina at Houston, 7:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
OL Reign at Louisville, 6:30p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 7p.m.
Orlando at San Diego, 9p.m.
Angel City at Portland, 9:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCH
Gotham FC at Kansas City, 5p.m.

SUNDAY, RESULTS
Kansas City 2, Orlando 0
San Diego 2, Angel City 0

NWSL CHALLENGE CUP
Wednesday, May 3
Gotham FC at North Carolina, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, May 3
Chicago at Houston, 7p.m.

Wednesday, May 3
Angel City at OL Reign, 9p.m.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Arsenal	32	23	6	3	77	34	75
Man City	30	22	4	4	78	28	70
Newcastle	31	16	11	4	54	25	59
Man United	30	18	5	7	46	37	59
Tottenham	32	16	5	11	58	51	53
Aston Villa	32	15	6	11	45	41	51
Liverpool	31	14	8	9	59	38	50
Brighton	29	14	7	8	54	37	49
Fulham	31	13	6	12	44	42	45
Brentford	32	10	14	8	48	43	44
Chelsea	31	10	9	12	30	33	39
Crystal Palace	32	9	10	13	31	40	37
West Ham	31	9	7	15	33	41	34
Wolverhampton	32	9	7	16	27	44	34
Bournemouth	32	9	6	17	31	63	33
Leeds	32	7	8	17	41	62	29
Leicester	32	8	4	20	43	56	28
Everton	32	6	10	16	24	46	28
Notting. Forest	32	6	9	17	26	59	27
Southampton	32	6	6	20	27	56	24

TUESDAY'S MATCHES
Wolverhamptn vs. Crystal Palace, 1:30 p.m.
Aston Villa vs. Fulham, 1:45p.m.
Leeds vs. Leicester, 2p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
Notting. Forest vs. Brighton, 1:30p.m.
West Ham vs. Liverpool, 1:45p.m.
Chelsea vs. Brentford, 1:45p.m.
Man City vs. Arsenal, 2p.m.

THURSDAY'S MATCHES
Everton vs. Newcastle, 1:45p.m.
Southampton vs. Bournemouth, 1:45 p.m.
Tottenham vs. Man United, 2:15p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Crystal Palace vs. West Ham, 6:30a.m.
Brentford vs. Notting. Forest, 9a.m.
Brighton vs. Wolverhampton, 9a.m.
Arsenal vs. Chelsea, 11:30a.m. ppd

SUNDAY'S MATCH
Bournemouth vs. Leeds, 8a.m.
Fulham vs. Man City, 8a.m.
Man United vs. Aston Villa, 8a.m.
Newcastle vs. Southampton, 8a.m.
Liverpool vs. Tottenham, 10:30a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 1
Leicester vs. Everton, 2p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 2
Arsenal vs. Chelsea, 2p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3
Liverpool vs. Fulham, 2p.m.
Man City vs. West Ham, 2p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 4
Brighton vs. Man United, 2p.m.
Swansea 1, Huddersfield 0
Watford 2, Bristol City 0
Stoke 1, West Brom 2
Blackburn 0, Hull 0

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
SEMIFINALS
First leg, May 9 , May 10
AC Milan vs. Inter Milan, 2p.m.
Real Madrid vs. Manchester City, 2p.m.
Second leg, May 16, May 17
Inter Milan vs. AC Milan, 2p.m.
Manchester City vs. Real Madrid, 2p.m.

U.S. MEN'S SCHEDULE (2-1-2)
Jan. 25: Serbia 2, U.S. 1
Jan. 28: U.S. 0, Colombia 0
n-March 24: U.S. 7, Grenada 1
n-March 27: U.S. 1, El Salvador 0
April 19: U.S. 1, Mexico 1
n-June 15: vs. Mexico, 9 p.m.
g-June 24: vs. Jamaica, 8:30 p.m.
g-June 28: vs. TBD, 8:30 p.m.
g-July 2: vs. Nicaragua, 6 p.m.
n-Nations League; g-Gold Cup

U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE (7-0-0)
Jan. 17: U.S. 4, New Zealand 0
Jan. 20: U.S. 5, New Zealand 0
s-Feb. 16: U.S. 2, Canada 0
s-Feb. 19: U.S. 1, Japan 0
s-Feb. 22: U.S.2, Brazil 1
April 8: U.S. 2, Ireland 0
April 11: U.S. 1, Ireland 0
July 9: vs. Wales, 3 p.m.
w-July 21: vs. Vietnam, 8 p.m.
w-July 26: vs. Netherlands, 8 p.m.
w-Aug.1: vs. Portugal, 2 a.m
s-SheBelieves Cup; w-FIFA World Cup Australia/New Zealand

NFL

DRAFT ORDER
Draft: Thursday-Saturday at Union Station, Kansas City, Mo.
FIRST ROUND PICKS

#	TEAM	W-L	%	GB	SOS
1	Carolina (Chi)	3-14	.176	--	.571
2	Houston	3-13-1	.206	½	.481
3	Arizona	4-13	.235	1	.529
4	Indianapolis	4-12-1	.265	1½	.512
5	Seattle (Den)	5-12	.294	2	.481
6	Detroit (LA Rams)	5-12	.294	2	.517
7	Las Vegas	6-11	.353	3	.474
8	Atlanta	7-10	.412	4	.467
9	Chicago (Car)	7-10	.412	4	.474
10	Philadelphia (NO)	7-10	.412	4	.507
11	Tennessee	7-10	.412	4	.509
12	Houston (Cle)	7-10	.412	4	.524
13	Green Bay (NYJ)	7-10	.412	4	.538
14	New England	8-9	.471	5	.502
15	N.Y. Jets (GB)	8-9	.471	5	.524
16	Washington	8-8-1	.500	5½	.536
17	Pittsburgh	9-8	.529	6	.519
18	Detroit	9-8	.529	6	.535
19	Tampa Bay	8-9	.471	5	.503
20	Seattle	9-8	.529	6	.462
-	Miami (forfeited)	9-8	.529	6	.537
21	LA Chargers	10-7	.588	7	.443
22	Baltimore	10-7	.588	7	.509
23	Minnesota	13-4	.765	10	.474
24	Jacksonville	9-8	.529	6	.467
25	NY Giants	9-7-1	.559	6½	.526
26	Dallas	12-5	.706	9	.507
27	Buffalo	13-3	.813	10½	.503
28	Cincinnati	12-4	.750	9½	.524
29	New Orleans (SF) (through Miami at Denver)	13-4	.765	10	.417
30	Philadelphia	14-3	.824	11	.474
31	Kansas City	14-3	.824	11	.453

source: nfl.com/draft

XFL FOOTBALL

NORTH	W	L	PCT	PF	PA
y-DC	9	1	.900	298	240
x-Seattle	7	3	.700	233	177
St. Louis	7	3	.700	249	202
Vegas	2	8	.200	184	252
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
y-Houston	7	3	.700	247	182
x-Arlington	4	6	.400	146	196
San Antonio	3	7	.300	169	183
Orlando	1	9	.100	204	310

y-clinched division an home field
x-clinched playoff berth

WEEK 10
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Houston 25, Arlington 9
Seattle 28, Vegas 9

Playoff semifinals
April 29: Arlington at Houston, 6 p.m.
April 30: Seattle at DC, 2 p.m.

May 13, XFL Championship Game, 7 p.m.

USFL FOOTBALL

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Michigan	2	0	0	1.000	53	23
New Jersey	1	1	0	.500	30	30
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	37	47
Pittsburgh	0	2	0	.000	18	42
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Birmingham	2	0	0	1.000	69	12
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	60	46
Houston	0	2	0	.000	44	67
Memphis	0	2	0	.000	25	69

WEEK 2
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
New Jersey 20, Pittsburgh 3
Michigan 24, Philadelphia 10

WEEK 3
SATURDAY, APRIL 29
New Orleans at Birmingham, 11:30a.m.
Memphis at Houston, 6p.m.
SUNDAY, APRIL 30
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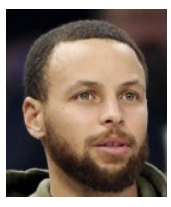
NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Lynch addresses Lance trade rumors

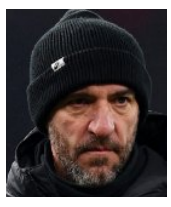
John Lynch's news conference Monday ahead of this week's NFL draft revolved more so around the 49ers' trade market. The big question: What is Trey Lance's fate? Lynch didn't openly endorse trading away Lance, nor did the 49ers GM deny that a substantial offer could sway them to deal Lance, a still-raw quarterback who was drafted No. 3 overall in 2021. "There's a lot of smoke, really. It hasn't been extremely active," Lynch, above, said. "It's not like we put it out there, 'Hey, we're taking offers for Trey.' " When asked Saturday about trade rumors, Lance told Inforum.com he had "no information" on that. Lynch, however, said Monday: "Trey and I have talked. He knows exactly what the situation is." The situation: Then-rookie Brock Purdy, the last pick in the 2022 draft, essentially overtook Lance and Jimmy Garoppolo for the starting role by winning eight games last season, before tearing an elbow ligament in the 49ers' NFC Championship Game loss. Lance has started four games (2-2) and played in eight. His ankle injury, in last season's home opener, came on just the 262nd snap of his career.

Say what? Curry almost proves costly



Stephen Curry thought he had a perfect plan, until it backfired. The reigning NBA Finals MVP called a timeout the defending champions didn't have — and nearly cost the Warriors a crucial playoff game. The Warriors held on to beat the Kings anyway. "I ain't gonna lie, I thought it was the smartest play in the world," Curry said after a 126-125 win Sunday that evened the Western Conference first-round series at 2-all. "When I grabbed the ball and turned around and saw the trap, realized there was no real outlets instead of turning it over, it's kind of the heady play but it turned out not to be. I looked over at the bench and everyone was shaking their head, so it was an unfortunate situation in that respect." Coach Steve Kerr took responsibility for the ill-advised timeout, saying he forgot to remind the players they were out of timeouts. The most famous excessive timeout in basketball history came in the NCAA championship game on April 5, 1993, when Michigan's Chris Webber called a timeout the Wolverines didn't have late in a loss to North Carolina. Webber went on to star for the Kings.

After rout, Stellini out at Tottenham



First the blowout and then the fallout at Tottenham. A day after the humiliating 6-1 loss at Newcastle, Spurs chairman Daniel Levy announced on Monday the departure of interim coach Cristian Stellini and the appointment of another temporary fix in Ryan Mason. "Sunday's performance against Newcastle was wholly unacceptable," Levy said in a statement. "It was devastating. We can look at many reasons why it happened (but) ... ultimately the responsibility is mine." Tottenham fans wanted decisive action in the immediate aftermath of the Newcastle game, a result that inflicted a major blow to the club's chances of qualifying for the Champions League. Some may feel the decision to install Stellini in the first place, as the replacement for former manager Antonio Conte, did enough damage even before the loss at St James' Park. Conte's long-time assistant had no prior experience of high-level management, and his record of one win in four since taking charge last month has left Tottenham needing top-four rivals Manchester United or Newcastle to suffer end-of-season collapses. *—News services*

NFL DRAFT TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYERS

Back on top: QBs lead the way

Young, Stroud expected top 2; talent plentiful at tight end

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Alabama quarterback Bryce Young likely will be taken with one of the first two selections in the NFL draft on Thursday. **VASHA HUNT/AP**

Last year's draft broke a streak of four straight in which a quarterback was selected first overall.

Only one went in the first round, fewest since 2013.

It's back to normal this year, with QBs expected to go Nos. 1 and 2 and maybe as many as four in the top 10. The draft kicks off with the first round Thursday night in Kansas City, Missouri.

Aside from the quarterbacks, this draft's best offensive players include about as many tight ends as wide receivers and one running back who is challenging the conventional wisdom on whether teams should spend a first-round pick at that position.

Quarterbacks

Position overview: *A group with question marks, but at least three will likely go in the top 10 and as many as five in the first round.*

BRYCE YOUNG (5-10, 200 LBS), ALABAMA
Scouting report: Poised leader and creative playmaker, who excels at buying time while seeing the entire field. Elite combination of instincts and intelligence with a good arm, but, boy, is he small for an NFL quarterback.
Fact: The national high school player of the year as a senior in California went on to become the 2021 Heisman Trophy winner as a sophomore at Alabama.
Gone by: Top two.

C.J. STROUD (6-3, 214), OHIO STATE
Scouting report: Elite accuracy and touch combined with good size and arm strength. Has shown above-average athleticism, but has seemed reluctant to use. Can linger in the pocket and lock on receivers.
Fact: Threw 85 touchdown passes to break a Big Ten record held by Drew Brees for TDs over two seasons.
Gone by: No. 2.

ANTHONY RICHARDSON (6-4, 244) FLORIDA
Scouting report: The most intriguing prospect in the class, with Cam Newton-type size, athleticism and arm strength. The mechanics need work to fix accuracy issues.
Fact: Richardson had 13 career starts and only 393 pass attempts in three seasons.
Gone by: Despite all the questions, it would be surprising if Richardson drops out of the top 10.

WILL LEVIS (6-4, 230), KENTUCKY
Scouting report: Prototypical size and athleticism, with a strong arm. Accuracy and decision-making were inconsistent, especially last season.
Fact: Levis played for former Rams assistant coach Liam Coen in 2021, when he had his best season, but regressed in 2022 under new offensive coordinator.
Gone by: Top 15.

HENDON HOOKER (6-3, 217), TENNESSEE
Scouting report: Throws a top-notch deep ball and is an instinctive scrambler. Natural leader, but he's 25 years old, coming off a major knee injury and played in an offense that kept reads relatively simple.
Fact: Threw only five interceptions in 631 attempts at Tennessee, but did fumble 22 times.
Gone by: End of the first round.

Others to watch: *Stetson Bennett, Georgia; Tanner McKee, Stanford; Jake Haener, Fresno State.*

Running backs

Position overview: *One first-round talent and a lot of debate whether any running back should be a first-rounder.*

BIJAN ROBINSON (5-11, 215), TEXAS
Scouting report: Vision, burst, finishing power and reliable hands make Robinson one of the best running back prospects in the last decade. Will need to be more decisive hitting holes in the NFL.
Fact: His 3,410 career yards rushing rank behind only Ricky Williams, Cedric Benson and Earl Campbell (all four-year players) in Longhorns history.
Gone by: Hard to predict a landing spot for Robinson, but he's too good to slip out of the first round.

JAHMYR GIBBS (5-9, 199), ALABAMA
Scouting report: Explosive and shifty runner, with excellent hands, but doesn't run with tackle-breaking power.
Fact: Averaged 11.7 yards per reception over three seasons at Georgia Tech and Alabama.
Gone by: Middle of the second round.

Others to watch: *Devon Achane, Texas A&M; Zach Charbonnet, UCLA; Tyjae Spears, Tulane.*

Wide receivers

Position overview: *This receiver class lags behind recent ones that have produced a total of 17 first-rounders in the last three years. Under five first-rounders is likely this year.*

JAXON SMITH-NJIGBA (6-1, 196), OHIO ST.
Scouting report: Smooth router runner. Great at tracking passes through the air and catches just about anything that hits his hands. Lacks top-end speed.
Fact: Playing in the slot most of the season with first-rounders Garrett Wilson and Chris Olave, had 95 catches and 1,606 yards in 2021 but missed almost all of 2022 season with a hamstring injury.
Gone by: Top 20.

JORDAN ADDISON (5-11, 173), USC
Scouting report: Creates separation with a combination of quickness and burst out of breaks, but he's undersized and that could limit him to the slot.
Fact: Won the Biletnikoff Award as the nation's best receiver with Pitt in 2021 before transferring to USC.
Gone by: Between 20-40.

ZAY FLOWERS (5-9, 182), BOSTON COLLEGE
Scouting report: Plays fast and runs aggressive after the catch for an undersized receiver. Needs to improve consistency with his hands.
Fact: Caught 78 passes for 1,077 yards and 12 touchdowns last season, despite playing on an offense that had issues almost everywhere else.
Gone by: Flowers seems to be securing first-round status.

QUENTIN JOHNSTON (6-3, 208), TCU
Scouting report: Big, fast and strong. Looks the part, but injuries and inconsistencies held back production.
Fact: A four-star recruit who had a breakthrough season as a junior, when he caught more passes (60) than in his first two seasons combined (55).
Gone by: Middle of the second.

JALIN HYATT (6-0, 176), TENNESSEE
Scouting report: Blazing speed deep threat with reliable hands, but is that it?
Fact: Had 11 catches of 40-plus yards, seven of 50-plus and five of 60-plus last season, all tops in major college football.
Gone by: Middle of the second.

Others to watch: *Jayden Reed, Michigan St.; Josh Downs, UNC; Tyler Scott, Cincinnati.*

Tight ends

Position overview: *The record for tight ends drafted in the first round is three, most recently in 2017. There's a chance that gets broken and more go in the first round than wideouts.*

MICHAEL MAYER (6-4, 249), NOTRE DAME
Scouting report: Big, reliable target — and blocker — who always seems to get open, even when he's the focus of the defense. Better before the catch than after.
Fact: Notre Dame's career leader in catches, yards and touchdowns by a tight end.
Gone by: Best bet to be first tight end taken.

DALTON KINCAID (6-3, 246), UTAH
Scouting report: Agile athlete with excellent body control, good hands and quick feet to avoid tacklers. Needs to refine routes and gain strength.
Fact: A zero-star recruit who started his college career at San Diego, a non-scholarship FCS school.
Gone by: Late first round.

DARNELL WASHINGTON (6-7, 265), GEORGIA
Scouting report: Massive and well-built athlete who played at over 270 pounds. Was like having an extra offensive lineman on the field who was capable of catching passes. But that part of his game will need refinement.
Fact: Had 45 career catches in three seasons.
Gone by: End of the first round.

Others to watch: *Luke Musgrave, Oregon St.; Sam LaPorta, Iowa.*

Tackles

Position overview: *No top-10 locks, but there might be as many as five potential first-rounders in this group if teams are OK with possibly taking a player who might end up better suited for right tackle. Or guard.*

PETER SKORONSKI (6-4, 313), NORTHWESTERN
Scouting report: Explodes off the line with power and balance. Locks up defenders in the running game. Legit concerns about whether he has the length to stay at tackle.
Fact: Three-year starter at left tackle after being a blue-chip recruit.
Gone by: Even if teams are skeptical of his future at tackle, he's a first-round guard.

PARIS JOHNSON JR. (6-6, 313), OHIO ST.
Scouting report: Ideal size and athleticism, needs work on technique and footwork.
Fact: Graduated with a degree in journalism and wrote for the school paper at Ohio State.
Gone by: Middle of the first.

Others to watch: *Broderick Jones, Georgia; Darnell Wright, Tennessee; Dewand Jones, Ohio State; Cody Mauch, North Dakota St.; Matthew Bergeron, Syracuse; Anton Harrison, Oklahoma.*

Interior linemen

Position overview: *A couple high-floor players could sneak into the first round, based on need.*

JOHN MICHAEL SCHMITZ (CENTER, 6-3, 305), MINNESOTA
Scouting report: Strong, tough and durable. Lacks foot quickness.
Fact: Played five seasons of college football, starting the final 35 games he played.

O'CYRUS TORRENCE (GUARD, 6-5, 330) FLORIDA
Scouting report: Long arms, strong hands and lots of experience. Not the most athletic, which could limit him as a pulling guard.
Fact: Will be the fourth player drafted from an offensive line at Louisiana in 2019 that also had Robert Hunt (Dolphins), Max Mitchell (Jets) and Kevin Dotson (Steelers).
Gone by: Early second round.

Others to watch: *Joe Tippman (center), Wisconsin; Steve Avila (guard), TCU; Andrew Vorhees (guard), USC; Luke Wypler (center), Ohio State; Emil Ekiyor Jr. (guard), Alabama.*